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"W e A r e S e v e n"

++ Rachel Adamson's Hoosier Clan ++

Is Dedicated to the Seven

++++ SENIOR ADAMSONS ++++

Living Great Grand Children of

RACHEL WILLIAMS=ADAMSON

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Minnie Cox=Mavity	1865
Fred K. Adamson	1873
Amy Adamson=Gee	1875
John Z. Adamson	1876
Varena Adamson=Pierce	1877
Blanche Cox=Baker	1886
Noble R. Adamson	1891

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And Three Who Have Gone Ahead

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Lisker L. Adamson	1870-1961
Burnie Adamson	1883-1961

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APPRECIATION

There are listed in Part I: Adamson Source Book, 173 items of bibliography as accredited authorities. Some are published works, but the majority are manuscript notes contributed by members of Lawrence County pioneer families, from their own records, or from memories of past events. Much of this material has been incorporated in this present work.

During the course of compilation much additional manuscript material has been acquired. For this we have to thank principally, Mrs. Beulah Thompson of Williams, Indiana, daughter of the late Lisker Adamson who was responsible for so much of the background material; Jason Adamson of Turlock, Calif., son of John Rainey of San Diego, the old "raconteur"; and Wendell Adamson of Alamogordo, New Mexico, son of the late Litna Adamson of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

To all contributors we offer bounteous thanks. They have made this work possible. Documentation by public record may create a reliable work in genealogy. But those who search their memories of past events for the humorous, the tragic (yea, sometimes anguishing) details of family background, supply features that can never be created by cold pages of public records.

In addition to the foregoing remarks, we call particular attention to the following basic bibliographical items:

+++ 1925: WILLIAMS-KERN-ADAMSON CATALOGUE

In 1925, Frank Williams of Cedar Point, Kansas, and Rozetta Reynolds, of Williams, Indiana, made a catalogue of the descendant families of Isaac Williams, Abraham Kern, and Rachel Adamson. It is a treasure beyond appraisal. We made a typescript of it in 1932, placing copies in the Library of Congress and the Institute of American Genealogy. It is listed as No. 162 of the bibliography.

+++ 1935: SEARS FAMILY MANUSCRIPT

This is a compilation by Prof. Wayne W. Smith of the University of Idaho, from notes collected by his cousin, the late Rev. Otis B. Sears, of Ralls County, Mo. Greatly amplified by the compilers from studies of Lawrence County census records, 1820 to 1870, it is listed as No. 147 of the bibliography.

+++ 1936: HINSHAW'S QUAKER RECORDS

Volume I of Wade Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy gave us the first documentation of our traditional Quaker background of the Williams Family. It covers the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee, and is an indispensable reference work in this field. It is listed as No. 102 of the bibliography.

+++ ADAMSON MANUSCRIPT, 1941

Our "Rachel Williams Adamson: A Memorandum on her Descendants" is the actual basis for the present compilation. A copy which we presented to the Institute of American Genealogy was recently acquired by the Genealogical Book Company of Baltimore and listed for sale (at $15.00!) with this comment: "Eleven pages. Lists 126 descendants. An authentic work. From 1797. Good. Apparently 7 typed copies made". It is No. 84 of the bibliography.

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The present work follows closely the plan of our 1941 memorandum, with extensions and corrections. Most of the 29 queries posed in that 11-page document are answered in this present family history.

=== B E N F . D I X O N

RACHEL ADAMSON'S
++HOOSIER CLAN++

A GREETING
--to--
ADAMSON COUSINS --

The 1961 Adamson Reunion at Bedford, Indiana on June 24th, will round up a great concourse of Hoosier descendants of Rachel Williams, the North Carolina Quaker Lass -- born in the year of US Independence -- who married Old Tom Adamson, an unregenerated frontiersman of East Tennessee. To greet these many Adamson cousins, we send forth this first section of Part II of the Adamson Source Book.

The work has been long in evolution. Now, with the issuance of this brochure, its end is in sight. We began to get acquainted with our Adamson cousins in 1932, when we made contact with a family record of Adamson-Kern-Williams intermarriages in Lawrence County. It was a catalogue of family relationships compiled in 1925 by Frank Williams of Cedar Point, Kansas and Rozetta Reynolds of Williams, Indiana.

Little blessed by dates, the manuscript nevertheless contains the names of some 1200 Indiana Cousins descended from these three Lawrence County pioneer families, in a time span of six generations. We learned that Isaac Williams, the great great grandfather of Alice Dixon, with his widowed sister, Rachel Williams=Adamson, had in 1817, left the French Broad Valley of East Tennessee, and settled on the White River in Lawrence County.

About the same time there came over the Ohio River from Kaintuck an old Dunkard Elder, evangelizing in the wilderness. He preached the New Light doctrines, and his name was Abraham Kern. The Kern, Williams, and Adamson families were neighbors on the White River. And, as happened so frequently in our frontier communities, "the kids just married across the crick". From these intermarriages sprang the six generations so meticulously catalogued by Cousins Frank and Zetty.

When we found this manuscript in 1932, we determined to work out genealogically the various family lines involved, and to search at the same time as much of their historical data as we could find. This we have been doing for the best part of three decades. Now that we have ourselves reached the vicinity of man's allotted span, with three generations of our own to account for, it seems high time that we give our findings back to the cousins for whom it should have most meaning.

To the Adamson Reunion of 1960 we sent Part I of the Adamson Source Book. It is background material on the families connected with the Adamsons of Quaker descent. To the Reunion of 1961 we transmit the first section of the Adamson Genealogy under the title "Rachel Adamson's Hoosier Clan": A record -- covering the span of 115 years, 1776-1891-- of 140 of Rachel's descendants, 10 children, 37 grand-children, and 93 great grand-children, four of whom still survive.

We begin with Rachel and her somewhat legendary husband, "Old Tom or "Byrd, the Bird". Then her children are accounted for, one by one. And after that -- as the French King said, "The deluge!" Generation after generation of Rachel's descendants. And each succeeding echelon does a better job of mixing up Adamson blood with Cox, Kern, Sears, Williams and other lines... We have called a halt for June 15th. But wherever we leave off this year, we will start again for 1962.

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ADAMSON SOURCE BOOK

Descendants of
? ? ? ? ? ?
?Byrd D., and Rachel Williams Adamson
?. ? ? ? ? ?

FIRST GENERATION

Have Patience, Gentle Cousin!--- with us (and with our rime!)
This book we're publishing for you-- it takes a lot of time.

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The printing job we did for you
Way back in Nineteen-Forty-Two
At Washington, before we knew
That Rachel's Book we could not do
Until the cruel War was through!

Now, Rachel we must not forget --
Although the War's not over yet!

Just look beyond and you will find,
A record of your Kin and Kind.

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NOTE: (+) The Plus Sign by any numbered name indicates a further record in the next generation.

Decimal System: Your number in your generation is added to your parent's number.

Example: William Adamson was No. 3 in Rachel's family.
Thomas Marion was No. 4 in William's family.
Fred is No. 7 in Thomas M's household.

No. 3 William Adamson
No. 34 Thomas Marion Adamson
No. 347 Fred K. Adamson, in the Fourth Generation Records.

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RACHEL WILLIAMS=ADAMSON

The Adamson Source Book evolved from family tradition. From that tradition we learned that Rachel Williams=Adamson, a widow, in 1817, came-with her family into the White River country of Lawrence County, Indiana. She and her brother Isaac brought two covered wagons, two families, the portable household goods and the family milch cows. They came over mountain trails from the valley of the French Broad in East Tennessee, and ferried the Ohio at New Albany.

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Who was Rachel's husband? No one seemed to know. Was it Wayne? David? John? Jonathan? George? Aleck? Joseph? Jesse? Wesley? Byrd? It must have been Byrd, the Old Timers decided. What of the Bible Record? It had disappeared. The Williams Bible? It couldn't be found, either. Who was the father of Rachel and Isaac? Tradition failed to answer. But another tradition filtered down the ages: The Williams ancestor Welch. His name was Richard, and he was a Quaker.

Turning to Quaker records we located the Williams family at Cane Creek, Orange County, NC prior to the Revolution. We found that Rachel Williams was born in 1776 and her brother Isaac in 1779. We found the family in Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1797, when the Lost Creek Meeting was established. And we found in that year the record that Rachel had condemned her marriage contrary to discipline. Without permission from the Meeting, she had married outside the Fold.

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Quaker background of the Williams Family is given in our brochure, "American Ancestry of Pryor Williams". Pertinent pages are incorporated in Part I, and cannot be reproduced here except in profile:

Rachel Williams was a great-granddaughter of Richard Williams of Philadelphia. In 1717 he married Margaret Eaton. Their son William was born in 1719. He married Margaret _______, and with wife and two children born at Philadelphia, he removed to Loudoun County, Va. where the rest of his children were born. Then he took his family to Orange County, NC. Isaac, Sr., was born 1742 at Philadelphia. At Cane Creek he married Rachel Pike, daughter of John Pike and Abigail Overman. Isaac and Rachel removed to the western part of the state, where Rachel and Isaac, Jr. were born in Surry County. A subsequent move took them to the French Broad Valley of (then) Jefferson County, Tenn.

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After condemning her marriage to an infidel, Rachel remained a good Quaker. August 29, 1812, she requested, and received, full membership for her nine children: Sons "Emond, William, John, Jessee, Ira and Ivy"; and daughters "Alice, Nancy and Zibeah". There is no mention of the father. Rachel may already be a widow. August 25,1817, she was issued a certificate of transfer to the Lick Creek Meeting (near the old "French Lick") Indiana, for "Rachel Adamson and Family".

In Lawrence County, her family was enumerated in the census returns for 1820 and 1830. By 1840 she had disappeared from the record By 1850 several of her children's families show up in the sensus returns, with names, ages, and places of birth.

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What became of Rachel Williams=Adamson? Her descendants do not know. They find no trace of her death or burial in Lawrence County.

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RACHEL'S HUSBAND

Should we just call him Mister Rachel Adamson? The family is not certain of his identity. His traditional background is given in Part I, page 19, compiled from recollections of his great-grand-children: Lisker, Doyle, Litna, and others. Ira Divers was the Welsh Patriarch, father of eleven sons. One of them, Alexander, living in Dublin, Ireland, emigrated to Carolina about 1775, with several sons, including the youngest, Byrd D.

This is purely traditional. But Wendell, son of Litna Adamson, has an antique fork which has come to him through generations from the Irish immigrant. Lisker was not satisfied with the name "Byrd". He recalled from boyhood a saying passed from Rachel herself. Asked about her husband, she retorted: "My Old Man was just a bird,flitting from limb to limb." Thus "Bird" may have been a nickname; but "Byrd" has lodged in the folk-memory of the Lawrence County Clan.

Other traditions vary. One is that Ivy (Rachel's youngest) was born in Dublin. Jason has found traditions of Scottish ancestry, and direct migration from Scotland to America. A tradition which comes from Doyle says: "Great-great-great grandfather died in Scotland at the age of 124 years."

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While searching in marriage registers of Jefferson County, Tenn., Jason came upon these entries:

1796, August 6: Thomas Adamson married Rachel Williams
1825, December 21: Thomas Adamson married Jane Patton

The first entry certainly applies to our Rachel and her husband, the mythical "Byrd" (or "Bird"). Her first child, Alice, was born January 22, 1797, less than six months from the marriage. For this (to the holy Lost Creek Quakers) utterly unholy alliance, she was disowned. But on August 19th, 1797, just a year after the civil marriage to protect her unborn child, Rachel came to the Meeting repentant, condemning her harum-scarum fling with life and fun. She was reinstated, and remained a good and faithful Quaker for 20 years.

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But what of her husband?... "I have come to the conclusion that Byrd Adamson was a self-styled 'infidel' of whom there were not a few on the old frontier. I believe he scoffed at Quakers and at substantial citizens of the community-- the well-to-do, the lawyers, the editors, the teachers, the elders of the church. I think he was a wanderer on the face of the earth, hunting and trapping in the wilderness dreaming of better land and better hunting further on, and held to the earth of a particular locale only by the steadfastness of a good and faithful wife. I believe, too, that he was a soldier, and that he may have perished in some Indian foray, or a military expedition, or by sickness or battle in the War of 1812."-- Part I, page 24.

There is this possibility: The last child was born in 1811. When her husband did not return from the war, Rachel may have assumed him to be dead. Two and a half years from the end of a war is a long time to wait. She decided to go to the free land north of the Ohio, where her boys would have a better chance... The possibility remains that Old Tom <u>did</u> come back, after 1817, to find that his chicks had flown the coop. In such a situation he may well have rebelled against the established order and said : "To hell with that! I'll find myself another family!" Thus, a second marriage entry for Thomas Adamson.

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RACHEL'S ADAMSON "IN-LAWS"

Rachel's oldest child, Alice, without changing her name, married -- an Adamson. We may therefore follow her from the cradle to the grave. As Ailsey Adamson she is found on the marriage register of Jefferson County, Tenn., in matrimony with Joseph Adamson, October 3, 1815. On October 28th, following, at the Lost Creek Monthly Meeting, she was disowned for marriage "contrary to discipline". Rachel thus acquired an Adamson son-in-law two years before she took her brood to Indiana.

Joseph Adamson was not in good standing with the Quakers when he married Alice. He had been married before, and disowned for marriage contrary to discipline. July 2, 1787, he was received in membership at Deep River in Guilford County, NC, with his brother John, on his father's request. On the same date his two sisters Charity and Margaret were received at their mother's request. Their parents were Jesse T. and Mary Wells Adamson. The family went from Deep River to New Hope in Greene County, Tenn., in 1795; and then to Lost Creek Meeting when it was set up in 1797. Joseph was a good member there for ten years. But he was disowned, January 31, 1807, "for marriage contrary to discipline, and for attending musters".

Mary Wells (probably a daughter of Joseph and Charity) was a Quaker in good standing at Cane Creek, Orange County, NC. But she married out of unity with Jesse T. Adamson and was promptly disowned March 1, 1777. In Guilford County, with four children they decided to unite with Deep River Meeting. Mary went back to Cane Creek, condemned her marriage and was reinstated. She received a certificate to Deep River which was accepted Nov. 7, 1785.

Jesse received membership July 2, 1787. On the same date the four children, John, Joseph, Charity and Margaret were received into membership. Eight years later, the family having removed to the waters of Nolichucky, Jesse Adamson and six sons -- John, Joseph, William, Simon, Wells and Jesse-- were received at New Hope. This family helped establish the Lost Creek meeting in 1797.

Of other Adamsons in Jefferson County, two at least were probably brothers to Jesse and brothers-in-law to Rachel. Simon, Sr., was received at Lost Creek Dec. 29, 1810. John, who married Mary Hammer, was received June 24, 1809, with eight minor children: Abraham, Enos, Susannah, Mordecai, Solomon, Isaac, Nellie and Seth. All these, no doubt, are bona fide cousins to the Adamsons of Lawrence County. But the probability has not been documented by record.

What has been established is that several, if not all, of Jesse's family removed to Middle Tennessee, Wilson, Cannon and DeKalb counties. Simon died in 1870; his wife Polly in 1878. Joseph was bondsman, 1840, for his brother Wells's estate. Wells left daughters Cynthia, Nancy and Olevia; sons Lemuel, Edward, William and Thomas.

Many Adamsons rest in the churchyard of the Salem Baptist Church in DeKalb County. Among the names found there are Jesse, Simon, Alcy, Joseph and Wells. One Alcy died in 1835, another in 1865. We believe that one of the Josephs and one of the Alcys are the Joseph and Ailsey (Alice) who were married in Jefferson County October 3, 1815.

OUR ADAMSON COUSINS
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# TENNESSEE MARRIAGE REGISTER

Found in:

(1) Quaker Records

(2) Jefferson County Marriage Register

(3) Jeannette Acklin's "Tennessee Bible Records"

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(Q) Readily identified as Quaker Adamsons

	ADAMSON		Date	SPOUSE
Q	Abraham	1812	June 29	Nelly Lewes
Q	Ailsey (Alice)	1815	October 3	Joseph Adamson
Q	Charlotte	1818	August 6	Benjamin Wilson
	Deliliz	1827	April 27	Thomas Belcher
Q	Elenor	1829	July 26	Joseph Herron
	Elijah	1822	April 24	Susannah Hathaway
Q	Elizabeth	1812	March 7	Wm. Bales (Beals)
Q	Elizabeth	1818	November 10	Joseph Underwood
Q	Enos	1811	October 28	Joanna Stanley
	Hester	1815	December 9	William Wilson
Q	Isaac	1821	July 28	Jane Underwood
	Jacob	1815	June 1	Ruth Covey
Q	Joseph	1815	October 3/	Ailsey Adamson (Alice)
	Larkin	1823	December 3	Nanch Routh
	Lydia	1815	June 1	Joshua Covey
	Mary	1829	September 11	Andrew Douglass
	Mary	1824	May 5	Levy Stites
Q	Mordecai	1822	December 19	Susannah Peck (Beck?)
	Nancy	1798	June 15	John Irwin
	Patsy	1809	April 15	Israel Willis
	Peggy	1814	September 3	Eli Shelton
	Polly	1806	October 21	Stephen Hopkins
	Reese	1817	March 25	John McMillan
Q	Seth	1826	March 8	Mary Jones
Q	Simon	1809	May 10	Sarah Cox
	Simion	1809	Feb'y 29 (*)	Susannah Hopkins
Q	Solomon	1824	July 12	Sally Summons
Q	Susannah	1820	August 18	Eli Wilson
Q	Thomas	1796	August 6	Rachel Williams
	Thomas	1825	December 21	Jane Patton
	William	1808	June 7	Demarris Bledsoe
	William	1811	______	Mary Wilson

(*) From "Bible Records" -- obviously an error, either in original entry, or in proof-reading, as there was no February 29th in that year.

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RACHEL'S BIBLE RECORD

Following is a transcript from the birth record of Rachel's family Bible. Mrs. Blanche Baker of Williams, Indiana, found it in her father's Bible record. Henry Cox, her father, was a son of Aleck Cox and Zibeah Adamson, and grandson of Rachel Williams=Adamson. Blanche (Mrs. Hershel Baker) is one of the few surviving great grandchildren. Although there is evidence of some error in transcription, there can be no doubt as to the authenticity of this record.

The Adamson Clan owes Blanche Baker a vote of thanks for discovery of this long-lost document.

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THE RECORD

"Alice Adamson, Daughter of Thomas and Rachel Adamson
was born on the 22nd of January 1797

"Edmund Adamson, Son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 23rd day of Mar 1798

"William Adamson, Son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 7th day of December 1800

"John Adamson, Son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 26th day of August, 1802

"Jesse Adamson, Son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 2nd day of January, 1803 [1804?]

"Harmon Adamson, Son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 6th day of September 1804[1800?]

"Nancy Adamson, Daughter of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 6th day of September, 1806

"Ira Adamson, Son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 29th day of February, 1808

"Zibah Adamson, Daughter of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the 25th day of Feb. 1810

"Ivy Adamson, Son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson,
was born on the ____ November, 1811"

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We do not know who made this transcription. But the possibility of error somewhere in the line of dates, is indicated by the bracketed question marks.

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AUNT LAURA LOVED HER PIPE!

Want to know what became of the original Bible Record? Jason Adamson knew there was such a record, for his father had told him about it. He wrote many letters trying to locate it. Finally Burnie Adamson solved the mystery of the missing record. And here it is:

The family bible came to John Wesley Adamson, Jr., from his father, the old Stalwart of the Watch Chain. Wess, Jr., married, 2nd, Laura Gaither, known to the juniors as "Aunt Laura". She had two hobbies. She liked to smoke, and she held all Adamsons in great disdain. So, when she needed lighter squibs for her famous pipe, she rolled them from pages of the Family Bible, including Rachel Adamson's Bible Record!

UNCLE ZIBBY'S MEMORIES

Wendell Adamson (b. 1907, son of Litna and Metta Cosner) now with US Air Force at Alamogordo, NM, spent happy hours with his grandfather Ziba Howard Adamson, in more youthful days back in Indiana. He did what most boys would not think of under similar circumstances: He made copious notes on family history, background and tradition-- straight from the lips of a Senior Adamson who was born in 1841.

From these notes, as Uncle Zibby shook the details out of his marvellous memory, Wendell made a chart of the Adamson Family. And, although he does not guarantee its perfection by standards of professional genealogy, it does organize the matter for examination:

JOSEPH (?) ADAMSON
!
WILLIAM ADAMSON
!
JONATHAN ADAMSON = RACHEL WILLIAMS
!
1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 — 6 — 7 — 8 — 9

1. ELSIE ADAMSON / JOSEPH ADAMSON
2. EDMUND ADAMSON =SUSAN EVANS=
3. WILLIAM ADAMSON =SUSAN CHESNUT=
4. ZIBIA ADAMSON ==ALECK COX==
5. JOHN ADAMSON =FANNIE KERN=
6. IRA ADAMSON / SOPHIA EVANS
7. =IVA ADAMSON== MAHALA CHESNUT
8. JESSE ADAMSON =ELIZA EVANS=
9. ----- ADAMSON / STOKE EVANS

Compare Uncle Zibby's Memory Record with his Grandmother Rachel's Bible Record found by Blanche Baker: (1) Alice is Elsie; (2) Edmund; (3) William; (4) John; (6) Harmon and (7) Nancy (names forgotten); (8) Ira; (9) Zibeah; and (10) Ivy. This is a good score, inasmuch as Ziba did not know his own grandfather, and perhaps not his grandmother, although he may have had some faint memories of Rachel.

We know that he hit the nail on the head for Alice, Edmund, William, Zibeah and John. From census and other record material we have deduced that Ivy married a Chesnut girl, and Jesse an Evans -- which his memories confirm. So we dare not say he is wrong in the case of Ira and Nancy, though he did not remember her name. Thus his memory confronts us with a significant fact: There is a large admixture of Evans blood and personality in Rachel's Lawrence County descendants. Four of her children, Edmund, Nancy, Ira and Ivy married four Evans children: Susan, Stoke, Eliza (Evaline) and Sophia.

Good old Uncle Zibby! He may have saved the day for some of our "Lost Adamsons". And Grandson Wendell wins our Award of Merit!

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RACHEL ADAMSON'S FAMILY

Rachel Adamson, pioneer settler of Lawrence County, Indiana in 1817, was born Rachel Williams, Sept. 10, 1776, in Surry County, NC. She was the daughter of Isaac Williams, Sr., and Rachel Pike. With her family she removed to Jefferson County, Tenn., before 1797, and became a member of Lost Creek Quaker Meeting near Newmarket, when it was established. Place and date of her death has not been established.

Rachel married, out of unity and contrary to Quaker discipline, one Thomas Adamson, about whom almost nothing of record has been learned. Date of the marriage was August 6, 1796 -- first Adamson marriage on the Jefferson County register. The Lost Creek Meeting promptly disowned her. It is significant that their first child, Alice was born January 22nd, following the marriage in August.

ISSUE

1. ALICE ADAMSON: Also called Elsie, Ailsey, and Alcy. Born January 22, 1797, Cocke County, Tenn.; married Joseph Adamson Oct. 3, 1815; died, DeKalb County, Middle Tennessee

2.+EDMUND ADAMSON: Born March 23, 1798, in Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; m. Susan Evans; died _____, Lawrence Co., Ind.

3.+WILLIAM ADAMSON: Born Dec. 7, 1800, in Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; m. Susannah M. Chesnut; d. Lawrence Co., aet 96.

4.+JOHN WESLEY ADAMSON, SR: Born Aug. 26, 1802, Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; m. Fannie Kern; died, Lawrence County, Ind.

5.+JESSE ADAMSON: Born Jan. 2, 1803 (1804?), in Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; m. Evaline (Eliza?) Evans; d. Lawrence Co.

6. HARMON ADAMSON: Born Sept. 6, 1804 (1806?) in Cocke County,Tenn.; no further information; probably died young.

7. NANCY ADAMSON: Born Sept. 6, 1806, in Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; m. Stoke Evans; no further information

8. IRA ADAMSON: Born Feb. 29, 1808, in Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; m. Sophia Evans; to Illinois, then Oklahoma.

9.+ZIBEAH ADAMSON: Born, Feb. 25, 1810, in Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; m. Alexander Cox, son of William and Jane Cox; died in Lawrence County.

10.+IVY ADAMSON: Born, November __, 1811, in Cocke County, Tenn.; to Indiana, 1817; married "Zibbie" Chesnut; died in Illinois.

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Q u e r y

The foregoing record of births, copied by an unidentified amanuensis from Rachel Adamson's Bible Record, contains an obvious error or two, and presents an intriguing problem:

Jesse Adamson, who lived to raise a family in Lawrence County, could not have been born on the above date. Was he born in 1804? Is the date Sept. 6 correct for both Harmon and Nancy? Were these two twins, and did Harmon die in infancy?

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RACHEL'S QUAKER TREK

Cane Creek Quaker Meeting (Snow Camp, now Alamance County) was the westernmost in North Carolina, established July 10, 1751. Friends from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia soon occupied the good farm lands to the west. Guilford and Surry counties were set off in 1770. By 1771 there was a meeting for worship on Tom's Creek in Surry.

Deep River Meeting was set up in Guilford August 8, 1778 to care for these western families. Westfield in Surry was established Dec. 23 1786. It cared for Friends of East Tennessee as well as Grayson Co., Va. Greene County was formed in 1783, and Quakers were already settled on Nolichucky as early as 1784. Jefferson County was taken from Greene and Hawkins in 1792, and Cocke from Jefferson in 1797.

New Hope Meeting in Greene County, established Sept. 7, 1795, was the first in East Tennessee. Two years later the Lost Creek Meeting was set up in Jefferson County, near the present town of Newmarket.

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Isaac Williams came to Cane Creek from Loudoun County, Va., and there married Rachel Pike. Some of their children were born in Orange. But Isaac was soon in the current of emigration to the west. Before the Revolution he had settled in the Yadkin Valley. Rachel was born in Surry County in 1776, and brother Isaac (Jr) in 1779.

In 1792 the family removed to Jefferson County, SW Territory. The certificate of removal, April 21st, names five children: Margaret, Rachel, Isaac, Richard and Abel. Rachel Pike, the mother, had died in 1789 at the birth of twins. These were evidently in keeping of a guardian mother (perhaps Hannah Beals). At any rate Isaac, Sr., married Hannah Beals, December 26, 1792.

Adamsons also followed the general trend of emigration-- Cane Creek, Deep River, New Hope, and Lost Creek. Then, after four years in the Valley of the French Broad, Rachel Williams and "Old Tom" Adamson found each other. Her next move, 20 years later, was to Indiana.

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THE FRENCH BROAD

US 70 crosses the NC line 40 miles west of Asheville, and runs through Cherokee National Forest. At 3.2 miles it crosses the French Broad River, then traverses a narrow valley. For the most part the French Broad tumbles over boulders but at times subsides into natural pools. This stream is often close to the highway, and cutting a deep pass through the Bald Mountain range, provided a route for settlers from the Carolinas to the Tennessee frontier.

Between the NC line and Newport the road descends westward thru rugged mountains, winding in and out on a high shoulder, into the valley of the French Broad River. The peaks, towering above the highway, are sometimes blanketed with low-lying clouds. Clear streams drop from the hillsides into gorges that their waters have cut in the high ridges. Great boulders, left above the ground by erosion, are covered with moss and often lie in thickets of laurel or rhododendron. --(WPA Guide for Tenn., p. 430)

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LICK CREEK

The Lick Creek Meeting, to which Rachel's family transferred in 1817, took its name from an old French trading post of the 18th Century known as "the French Lick". The place was made famous as the "French Lick Hotel" in the 19th Century by promoter Tom Taggart.... J. Lindley, Quaker pioneer from Cane Creek, was the first settler in the vicinity. He came in 1811 and many of his neighbors soon followed. The Lick Creek Meeting was set up near his place in 1815, and a meeting house erected. It was about four miles from Paoli. = = = = = = =

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ADAMSON SOURCE BOOK

? ? ? ? ? ? Descendants of
? Byrd D.. and Rachel Williams Adamson
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SECOND GENERATION

Here Edmund, Bill, and Brother John
Present their rosters, one by one

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Then Jesse and Zibby, Ivy too,
Will go to press with their "Who's Who".

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"LOST ADAMSONS"

Four of Rachel Adamson's children, as well as her husband, have been lost to our records. Like the Lost Chord, they are a Lost Quartet. If we should find them, or any one of them, we should exul like the Householder finding his Lost Coin; or the Shepherd his Lost Lamb; or like the Poet's Watcher of the Skies when he beheld a New Planet swim into his ken.

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1. ALICE ADAMSON: -- Born January 27, 1797; married October 3,181 to one Joseph Adamson; disowned for "marriage contrary to discipline October 28, 1815, by the Lost Springs Monthly Quaker Meeting.

Rachel's "love baby" would have been a wood's colt if she had not collared her "Bird" Tom Adamson and marched him off to a J.P. for a wedding. She was due, of oourse for ecclesiastical condemnation. But she took it philosophically, begging forgiveness.... What of her first-born? Joseph Adamson, probably Alice's cousin, had been a good Quaker, too. But he had been "churched" eight years before (1/31/180 for irregular marriage and "attending musters". We have no evidence that either Joseph or Alice ever repented their action. They went to Middle Tennessee where, it is believed, they are buried in the churchyard of Salem Baptist Church in DeKalb County.

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6. HARMON ADAMSON: -- Born September 6, 1804 /1806?/
7. NANCY ADAMSON: -- Born September 6, 1806

Due to apparent error in copying some of the dates from Rachel's original Bible Record, it would appear that Harmon and Nancy may ha been twins, and that only Nancy survived. There is no memory among Indiana descendants, however, of a pair of twins. Lisker thought that one of the boys had stayed in Tennessee, and that his name was Presley. It is possible that "Old Tom" took one of his boys on a hunting trip, and that he grew up a frontiersman -- or that he died or disappeared in the woods. Certainly Harmon is a "lost Adamson".

As for Nancy, she made the trek to Indiana in the Covered Wagon -- riding one of the horses part of the way, according to memories. But there was no memory of her life or family after 1817 -- except Uncle Zibby's. He recalled that one of the girls had married Stoke Evans. And with that memory, Nancy also joins the ranks of the "Lost Adamsons".

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8. IRA ADAMSON: -- Born February 29, 1808; married Sophia Evans

Ira was one of those rare personages who can celebrate a birthd only once in every four years, on Leap Year Day. Uncle Zibby remem ered that his wife's name was Sophia Evans. According to the best memories of descendants, Ira went to Illinois, and thence on west to the Indian Territory. In Oklahoma he founded the town of Adams a miniature village midway between Wilburton and McAllester. But b 1942, when attempts were made to locate Ira's descendants, the Ada son family was only a memory in Adamson, Okla. Ira Adamson's child belong to the "Lost Adamson" Battalion.

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2. EDMUND ADAMSON

Edmund, according to the Bible Record a son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson, was born March 23, 1798. He was born on the Adamson farm in the valley of the French Broad, in Cocke County, Tennessee. Cocke County had just been erected from Jefferson, the year before.

Lost Creek Minutes spell his name "Emund". But "Edmund" is the form used in Bible and census records. He was received in membership at Lost Creek on his mother's request, August 29, 1812. He was fourteen years of age at the time. Five years later, August 25, 1817, he was included in the family's certificate of removal to the Lick Creek Meeting in southern Indiana.

Edmund Adamson appears in the Lawrence County census returns as head of a family in 1830 and 1840. But by 1850 he is gone -- maybe to the Happy Hunting Grounds to join the spirit of Old Coonskin Tom, his father; or maybe to California to make his fortune! In 1830. in addition to himself and wife, there were two sons and one daughter; in 1840, four boys and three girls.

Sometime prior to 1830, probably about 1824, Edmund Adamson married Susan Evans. She was one of four members of a family with whom Rachel's children intermarried. She is believed to be the daughter of Joshua Evans of North Carolina, and Elizabeth his wife, a native of Georgia, age 67in 1850. Susan was 43 years old in 1850.

ISSUE
(Age noted for 1850 Census)

NAME	AGE	REMARKS
1.+LORENZA DOW ADAMSON	25	married Phebe Karris
2.+ELIZA A. ADAMSON	23	married ______Evans
3. IVY) ADAMSON	21)	no further record
4. ELBERT) ADAMSON	18)	no further record
5.+ELIZABETH ADAMSON	15	married Wm. E. Boyd(*)
6.+RACHEL ANN ADAMSON	14	married 1) Clement Bristow 2) J. M. Sellers
7.+ISAAC D ("Doc") ADAMSON	12	married Dicey Inman
8. SUSAN A. ADAMSON	9	no further record

NOTE: (*) Living with Edmund's family in 1850 was Wm. E. Boyd, aet 21 who subsequently married Elizabeth Adamson

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3. WILLIAM ADAMSON

William Adamson, according to the Bible Record a son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson, was born December 7, 1800, on the Adamson farm in the valley of French Broad River in Cocke County, Tenn.; and died near Bedford, Ind., April 13, 1896. He was received in membership at Lost Creek Meeting August 29, 1812, on his mother's request; and five years later, August 25, 1815, was included in Rachel's certificate of removel to the Lick Creek Meeting in Indiana.

Appearing as head of a family in the Lawrence County census returns, 1830 to 1870, in 1825 he married Susannah M., daughter of Benjamin Chesnut. She was born April 21, 1810, in Pulaski County, Ky., and died in Lawrence County, April 12, 1887. She was one of two daughters of Benjamin Chesnut who married Adamsons, and was lovingly called "Aunt Sookie" by a host of Hoosier cousins. Descendants of Uncle Billy and Aunt Sookie are numerous, and many of them still reside in the vicinity of Bedford. Interment: Beech Grove Cemetery.

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1.+MAHALA ADAMSON: Born	1825	married		John R. Kern, born 1822
2.+RACHEL ADAMSON:	6-18-1828	"		Simon Cox
3.+JULIA ELMA ADAMSON:	9-13-1831	"	1)	John West
4.+THOMAS MARION ADAMSON:	4-12-1835	"		Amanda J. Lackey
5.+WM. BENJAMIN ADAMSON:	10-17-1838	"		Catherine West
6.+ZIBA HOWARD ADAMSON:	4-29-1841	"		Catherine Lamb
7.+ANZA LETTA ADAMSON:	1844	"		Michael A. Sears
8.+MARSHALL FRANK ADAMSON:	1849	"		Susannah V. Boyd

William W. Adamson was a Lawrence County farmer all his life,and he lived to the ripe old age of 96. He used to brag about being born under Pres. John Adams, and having lived under 22 presidents. In the early days he had a self-supporting farm. He was a hatter, and made his own hats. He had a tanyard, tanned his leather and made the family shoes. Aunt Sookie scutched the flax and made linsey-woolsey britches and other garments. There was a large maple grove where the family made their own maple sugar and "tree-lasses".

A part of the original log house in which William Adamson and Susannah Chesnut set up house-keeping in 1825, is still intact on the Lisker Adamson farm west of Bedford. The first Hoosier log cabin in which he lived, with other Adamsons in the winter of 1817, was a tiny one-room affair which the family had to erect quickly on arrival. It was one mile north of Bryantville, on a farm long known as the "Old Wess Rout Place".

=== Toothless Days ===

When Billy and Sookie Adamson first started keeping house, old Uncle Johnny Inman came to visit them one day, having dinner in the kitchen. "Billy," he said, "if it's any of my business, why did you go and marry this young girl?" (Sookie was only fifteen.) Said Uncle William quite casually: "Oh, t'aint no secret about it, Johnny. You see, when I git old, I'll need someone to chew my vittles for me!"

==== Dublin Fork =====

From William Adamson, through his son Ziba, Wendell Adamson has received a precious heirloom. It is a small bone-handled fork made in Dublin, and brought to America three centuries ago by the Immigrant Adamson Alexander -- so says the Family Tradition.

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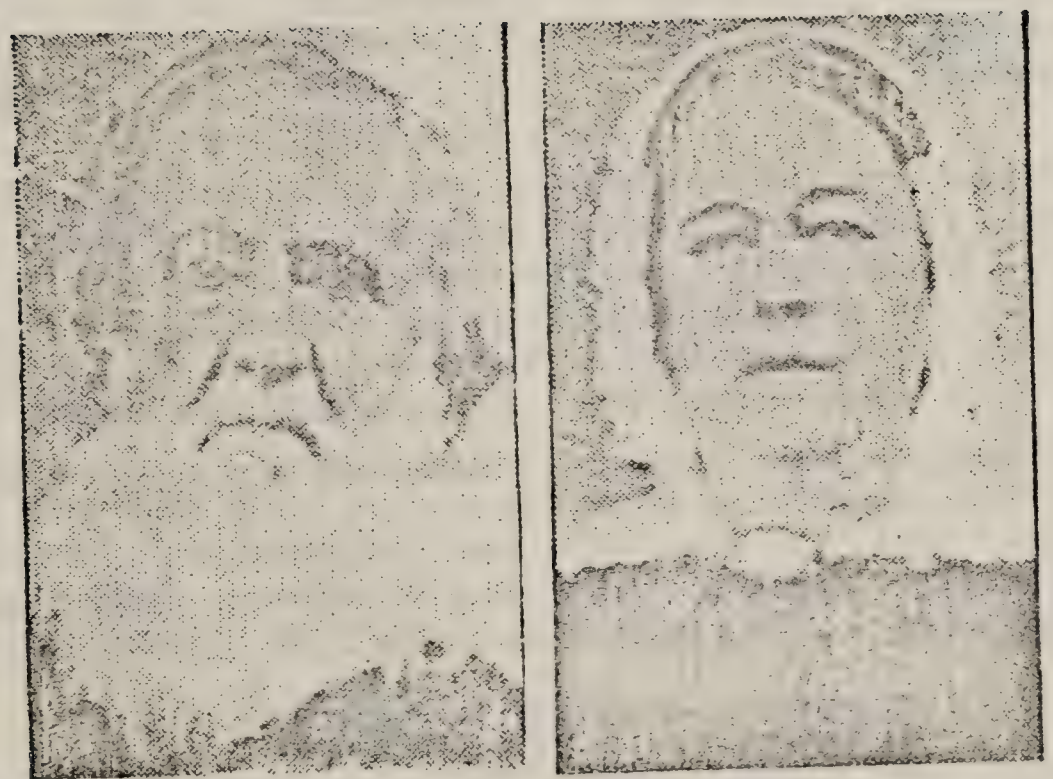

William Adamson (b. 1809), and wife, Susannah Chesnut

++THE CHESNUT FAMILY++

Benjamin Chesnut of Pulaski County, Ky., was father of the two Chesnut sisters (Susan and Zibeah) who married Adamson boys. He must have come into Kentucky from Pennsylvania, Virginia, or North Carolina. The Chesnuts apparently were not Quakers. By 1825, when William and Susan married, neither were the Adamsons. Abram Kern, the old Dunkard Elder, was making New Lights out of all of them. And soon they would be gathered into the fold of Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell.

Pennsylvania Archives tell of a Thomas Chesnutt who was a private 1st class in the 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, Cumberland County Militia commanded by Col. Samuel Culbertson. The 1790 Census of Pennsylvania catalogues two Chesnuts: Jeremiah of Philadelphia County and John of Franklin; also Abraham Chesnutwood of Berks County.

The 1790 Census of North Carolina rounds up seventeen Chesnuts, all in Sampson County except one (Arthur of Bladen). They are listed showing male and female members as follows:

Alexr	1m	2f	David	1m	4f		Joshua	2m	5f (1 sl.
Alexander	1	1	David	3	2		Mourning	1	2
Alexr Jr	1	2	Elizabeth	1	3		Needham	2	2
Arthur	1	1	Jacob	4	7	(8 sl.)	Shade	2	3
Arthur(Bladen)	1	1	Jacob	2	2		Soloman	1	-
Charles	2	5	John, Sr	7	4				

Virginia Chesnuts: William, James, John and Daniel Chesnut, went into Augusta County prior to the Revolution. They settled on Muddy Creek of the North Fork of Shenandoah. John and William raised families. John, with Patience and perhaps others of his family, moved on west before the end of the century. His son John married Anne Palmer One of these Johns may have been Patriarch John of the 1820 Census.

In Lawrence County: Beajamin Chesnut was a pioneer of 1820. He was probably the son of Patriarch John and wife, both over 45; and brother of Jacob (between 26 and 45) and William (in his 20s); with two other un-named brothers and five sisters. This we may assume from the census study of facts and figures -- but cannot prove it!

BENJAMIN CHESNUT'S FAMILY

In 1942, Joe Chesnut of Odon, Ind., gave the following resume of the family of his grandfather, Benjamin:

1. John Chesnut, b. Pulaski Co., Ky., before 1810
2. Susan M. Chesnut, b. 1810, Kentucky; m. William W. Adamson
3. Julius C. Chesnut, b. 1816, Kentucky; wife Rosanna, b. 1825
4. Howard Chesnut, b. about 1810/20, in Kentucky.
5. Patricia Chesnut married _____ Smith
6. Sally Chesnut, b. Fayetteville, Ind.; do _____ Inman
7. Abram Chesnut, b. Fayetteville, 1833;

Julius C. Chesnut, had, Living in 1942
(1) Joe Chesnut, b. 12-15-1869, who had a dau. born Oct. 9, 1906
(2) Elisha Chesnut, born Jan. 30, 1872
(3) Margaret L. Chesnut-Resler, born Dec. 13, 1874.

"Uncle Zibby" Adamson remembered another Chesnut sister of "Aunt Sookie" -- the one who married Ivy Adamson. Mrs. Amy Gee of Williams thinks her name was Zibeah. Her father thought it was Mahala.

++THE CHESNUT FAMILY++

As a matter of reference and record, we set forth below the Chesnut families we found enumerated in the 1850 census schedules.

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ABRAHAM CHESNUT
Baker Twp., Martin Co.

Name	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Abraham Chesnut	27	Farmer	Ind
Poley	21		Ky
Nancy	4		Ind
William N.	2		Ind

ABRAHAM CHESNUT
Indian Creek Twp., Lawrence

Abraham Chesnut	19	Farmer	Ky
Sarah	18		Ky
James	2		Ky

JAMES CHESNUT
Indian Creek Twp., Lawrence

James Chesnut	40	Farmer	Ky
Phoebe	38		Ky
America	18		Ind
Felix	16		Ind
Cerilda	10		Ind
William	8		Ind
Pata (girl)	6		Ind
Cassandra	6/12		Ind
Clementina	6/12		Ind

JOHN CHESNUT
Baker Twp., Lawrence

John Chesnut	32	Laborer	Ky
Nancy	32		Ky
Hiram	11		Ind
Nancy J.	9		Ind
Elizabeth	7		Ind
America	4		Ind
William A.	1		Ind

JULIUS C. CHESNUT
Indian Creek Twp., Lawrence

Name	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Julius Chesnut	34	Blmsith	Ky
Rosanna	25		Ky
John N.	11		Ind
Benjamin F.	9		Ind
Susan M.	5		Ind
Abraham	4		Ind
Jacob	2		Ind
James E.	1		Ind

SUSAN M. CHESNUT
Indian Creek Township, Lawrence

Susan M. Chesnut 7,
Living with Daniel and
Elizabeth Baker

WILLIAM CHESNUT
Perry Twp., Lawrence Co.

William Chesnut	28	Shoemkr	Ind
Lusena	24		Ind
Thomas I.	8		Ind
Mary E.	5		Ind
James G.	2		Ind

WILLIAM CHESNUT -- 1860 Census
Perry Twp., Lawrence

William Chesnut	37	Shoemkr	Ind
Louisiana	35		Ind
M. E.	15(Mary E.)		Ind
J. G.	12(James G.)		Ind
E, I.	10(girl)		Ind
M. F.	8(girl)		Ind
Lucinda	6		Ind
William	5		Ind
Cleopatra	3		Ind
M.	3/12(girl)		Ind

ADAMSON MEMORIES OF THE CHESNUTS

Wrote Lisker Adamson: Two Adamson boys married Chesnut sisters; and their children were double cousing; Lowery's mother was a Chesnut

Said Ribble Sears: My Grandmother told me that her younger sister married my Grandfather's younger brother.

Wrote Wendell Adamson: Grandfather told me that Mahala Chesnut married Ivy Adamson.

Wrote Amy Gee: Grandmother Adamson was a Chesnut and had three brothers and two sisters, Zibbie and Pattie. Father said Uncle Julius had three wives and 20 children. I remember Cousin Little Bill Chesnut-- he only weighed 300 pounds. He married cousin Maggie Lamb.

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4. JOHN WESLEY ADAMSON, SR.

John, according to the Bible Record a son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson, was born August 26, 1802, on the Adamson farm in the Valley of the French Broad, Cocke County, Tenn. At his mother's request he was received in membership at the Lost Creek Quaker Meeting, August 29, 1812. Five years later, August 25, 1817, he was included in his mother's certificate of removal to the Lick Creek, Indiana, Meeting.

In this record we shall dub him John Wesley Adamson, Sr., to distinguish him from his son, John Wesley Adamson, Jr., known as "Wess". Numerous notes, records and recollections mention John Sr., as Uncle Wess, Old Wesley, and Old John Wesley. It may well be that his Dad (Old Tom "Byrd the Bird") Adamson truly named him John Wesley to spite the Quaker brethren of Lost Creek; and tnat his Mother used only the name John (as in the Bible record) just to please them. It is a fact that the Methodists made their proselyting influence felt in Jefferson County. We have the record that at least 3 of Rachel's sisters were disowned for joining the Methodist Society.

John W. Adamson, Sr., married Fannie, the oldest child of the New Light Preacher, Abram Kern, Jr., and Susan Wilson. Fannie was born in Nicholas County, Ky., in 1808, coming into Lawrence County in 1816, two years before the county was set off. They sleep the long sleep at Old Union, under a single stone: "John W. Adamson, August 26, 1801; March 12, 1881." and "Fanny Adamson, August 20, 1808; Sept. 14, 1877".

ISSUE
(Order of birth from census records)

1.+ABRAHAM KERN ADAMSON:	Born	1824	married	Louisa Sears
2. ABBIE ADAMSON:			"	James Bridges
3.+RACHEL S. ADAMSON	about	1830	"	Phineas Cox
4. SARAH ADAMSON		1835	"	Louis Hastings
5.+ALEXANDER ADAMSON		1837	"	Malissa Sears
6.+JOHN WESLEY ADAMSON, JR		1839	" 1)	Tabitha Sears
7.+OLEVIA J. ADAMSON		1847	"	William Espie

Fight in the Wagon Box

John Wesley Adamson, Sr., was a giant in stature and strength, as his portrait indicates. Old John Rainey -- the grandson who spent his last days in San Diego, and who gave us many pleasant recollections when we met him in 1939 -- used to tell this story, according to his son Jason of Turlock. John Rainey was a 4-year-old youngster.

"One morning in 1856 Grandfather noticed two of his boys scuffling in the box bed of the wagon he was driving. He cautioned the young men to sit down; but the scuffling continued. My Grandad stood six feet and one inch in his socks, and all of his 180 pounds were muscle. He stopped the team, scrambled over the seat, grabbed Wess with his left hand and Aleck with his right -- lifted them in the air, knocked their heads together, and in one heave deposited them on the ground.

"'Now', he remarked casually, 'when you git to be men, you will be able to do things like that!'... Us little fellers was quite impressed Wess got to be a strapping boy of 160 pounds; and Aleck even bigger."

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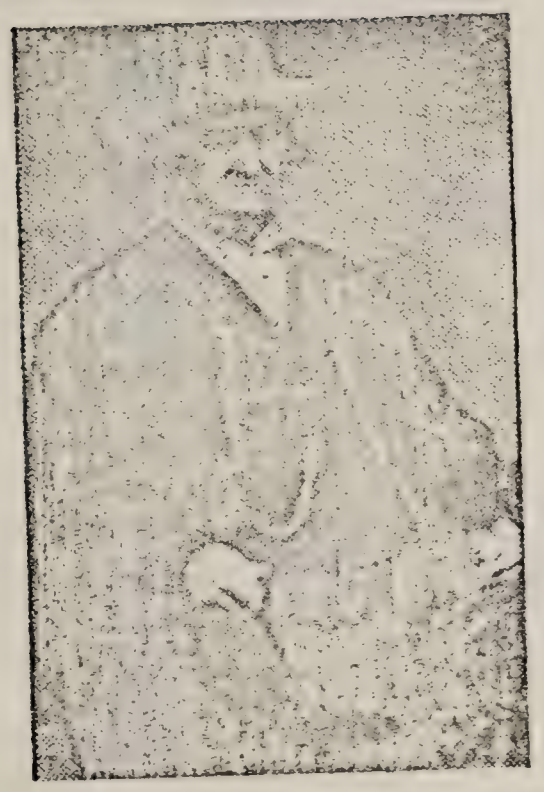

JOHN WESLEY ADAMSON, SR
(1802-1881)

++THE KERN FAMILY++

The plan for these family histories includes more comprehensive coverage of the Kern Family. But it is advisable here to insert in brief the background as it effects the Lawrence County families of Adamson, Cox, Sears and Williams. The outline given in Part I of the Adamson Source Book was incomplete and somewhat conjectural.

Three children of the Pioneer Dunkard Preacher, Abram Kern II of Bucks County, Penna., came into Lawrence County from Kentucky:
(1) Abram Kern III, also a Dunkard Elder, who m. Susan Wilson;
(2) William Kern, who married Susan Sears; and
(3) Anna Kern, who married Susan's brother, David Sears.

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Both of these Dunkard Elders, Abram Kern, father and son, preached and founded churches in Lawrence County. "Old Union" was founded by the latter near his own pioneer home, in 1819. The three Kerns belonged to a family which included also: Elisha, Ambrose, Pryor, Lewis, David and Andrew -- nine siblings of the Elder Kern, grandchildren of the Immigrant Abram Kern I of 1731.

(1) ABRAM KERN AND SUSAN WILSON: THEIR FAMILY

1. Fannie Kern, born	1808	married	John W. Adamson, Sr.
2. Lucy	1810		Garrett G. Williams
3. Abigail	1812		Richard Williams
4. Eli	1813		Mahala Williams
5. Anna	1815	m. 1) Pryor Williams; 2) Daniel Hall	
6. Ambrose	1816		Elizabeth Armstrong
7. Albert	1820		Elizabeth Hutton
8. John R.	1822		Mahala Adamson
9. Louis David	1825		Susan V. Armstrong
10. Jane			No data
11. Andrew Jackson	1830		Malinda Rains

(2) WILLIAM KERN AND SUSAN SEARS: THEIR FAMILY

1. Ezra Kern, born	1814	married 1) Elizabeth Carter; 2) Eliza-	
2. Noah	1816	"	Eveline B. Hurd (beth
3. Benjamin	1818		Nancy J. Baker (Smith
4. Anna about	1820		Jack Baker
5. Peter	1823		Nancy J. _____
6. Adam	____		Angeline _____
7. Sarah	____		Ari Armstrong
8. Susan J.	____		Peter Sears
9. Cassandra	____		No Data
10. Jacob	____		Margaret E. Powell

(3) ANNA KERN MARRIED DAVID SEARS: THEIR FAMILY

1. Andrew Sears, born	1812	married	Serelda Smith
2. Ezra	1814		Margaret (Peggy) Skeen
3. William	1816		Phoebe Cox
4. Adam	1818		Rebecca Wright
5. Malinda	1821		Scarlett Cox

6. Peter)
7. J. R.) Twins, b. 4-7-1824; d. in infancy; Anna Kern d. 4-10-1824

NOTE: David Sears m. 2) Hannah Rainey, and 3) Rachel Adamson, widow of Simon Cox.

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5. JESSE ADAMSON

Jesse, according to the Bible Record a son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson, was born January 2, 1803, on the Adamson homestead in the valley of the French Broad River in Cocke County, East Tennessee. We do not know the place and date of his death.

He was received into Quaker membership at the Lost Creek Meeting in Jefferson County, Tenn., August 29, 1812, on his mother's request. Five years later, August 25, 1817, he was included in the certificate of removeal of Rachel Adamson's family to the Lick Creek Indiana Mtg.

Date of Birth: This date has doubtless been incorrectly copied from the original Bible record. It places his birth at less than five months from the birth of his next oldest brother, John Wesley Adamson, Sr. It is not likely that such a premature birth could have presented the frontier with a healthy child -- a fact which many such records substantiate. It seems reasonable to assume that the original record would show Jesse's birth in the year 1804, and that of Harmon, next in line, to be a twin with Nancy, in 1806.

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In Indiana, Jesse Adamson married Eveline (or Eliza) Evans, and raised a family of at least five children. Date of marriage has not been determined, but it was prior to 1830. In the census returns for that year, he was married and had an infant son. In the 1840 census there were six in his family -- himself, his wife, three sons and one daughter. The census of 1850 gave the same statistical report, and named four of his children with their reported ages: Elkana, James L., Cynthia A., and Thomas. There was at least one other son, Josephus, who was drowned. But whether he was older than Elkana, or younger than Thomas, we do not know.

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Jesse Adamson gave his age as 45 in the 1850 census record. This supports the thesis above, that the Bible date of birth was incorrectly copied. His wife, Evaline Evans, was born in Kentucky. Her age, given in 1850, was 35.

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1. ELKANA ADAMSON, born about	1830	no other data
2. JAMES L. ADAMSON	1832	do
3.+CYNTHIA ANN ADAMSON	1834	Married a Dr. _____ Parham
4. THOMAS ADAMSON	1836	no other data
5. JOSEPHUS ADAMSON	_____	Drowned

Lisker Adamson said, in 1942, that Cynthia had a son still living in Bloomington. But he was apparently unable to contact him. Other than a memorandum record of Cynthia's family, given in family Record No. 53, further on, we have no other information on Jesse's descendants.

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9. ZIBEAH ADAMSON=COX

Zibeah Adamson, according to the Bible Record a daughter of Thomas and Rachel Adamson, was born February 25, 1810, on the Adamson farm in the valley of the French Broad River in Cocke County, East Tennessee. She was buried in Williams Cemetery, where her epitaph reads: Died March 28, 1891, age 78 years, 1 month, 3 days.

The name has been transcribed "Zibah" from Rachel's Bible Record. It is spelled "Zibba" on her tombstone. The Lost Creek records give it "Zibeah", in true Biblical fashion. Lawrence County nicknames have been Zib and Zibby -- and even Zibe. Some have spelled it Zibby, others Zibbee. I believe the Old Timers pronounced the full name with a long "i", as "Zeye-bah".

Zibeah Adamson was received in membership at Lost Creek Meeting August 29, 1812, at her mother's request. Five years later, August 25, 1817, she was included in the family's certificate of removal from Lost Creek to the Lick Creek Meeting in southern Indiana.

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There, on the White River, the Adamson and Cox families, along with those of George Roubottom and Isaac Williams, were neighbors. Alexander Cox, eldest son of William Cox and Jane Roubottom, wooed and won Zibeah Adamson for his wife. He was born in North Carolina, Oct. 10, 1813; and died in Lawrence County, March 29, 1892

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ZIBEAH ADAMSON married ALEXANDER COX

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1.+HENRY COX:	Born	Nov. 17,	1836	m., 1863, Emily Kern, b.11-21-46
2.+TABITHA COX:		Feb. 3,	1838	m. John G. Ferguson
3.+RACHEL JANE COX:		Oct. 22,	1842	m. Benj. Franklin Pitman
4. SINTHA ANN COX:		Nov. 29,	1846	Died Sept. 24, 1853
5. ABEL L. COX:		Aug. 16,	1848	Died young.
6. GEORGE W. COX:		______	1850	Geo. W. and two others died in (infancy

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ZIBEAH'S FAMILY IN 1850

In the Census Return for 1850, the following were found to be living, in addition to the above, in the household of Aleck and Zibeah Adamson-Cox.

+ John F. Hendrickson,	21,	Farmer,	Native of Indiana
Israel W. Hendrickson,	18		do
Simeon J. Hendrickson,	10		do
+ Malinda Adamson,	17		do
Lucinda Cox	6		do

Malinda Adamson of this record, was Zibeah's niece, the daughter of Ivy Adamson. She, her sister Rebecca, and her brother Lowry, a famous preacher, were raised in Indiana, after their father had died or gone to California (or maybe both).

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THE COX FAMILY

The Coxes were Quakers from Penn's Colony on Delaware. In Lawrence County tradition says their Pennsylvania ancestor Thomas was a son of John and Rachel Cox, and a descendant of one Thomas Coxe, a 1614 immigrant from Wales to Jamestown. This blacks out our thesis (Part I, p. 38) of descent from John Cox and Mary Scarlet; but it substantiates Quaker origin for the family.

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I. JOHN COX AND RACHEL, HIS WIFE, OF NEWCASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE

II. THOMAS COX: Son of John and Rachel preceding; married, 2nd, Mary Eleanor _______, London Grove, Chester Co., Pa., with Issue: 1) Mary; 2) Peter; 3) Harmon

III. HARMON COX: Son of Thomas and Mary Cox, preceding; m. 1st, 1722, Elizabeth Taylor; issue: 1) Rebecca; 2) Isaac; 3) Elizabeth Married, 2nd, Jane Johns, and removed to Fairfax Meeting, Va. and thence to Cane Creek MM, NC, on certificate received Apr.6, 1754.

==========ISSUE (OF RECORD)==========

+++++ Minutes, Cane Creek Monthly Meeting +++++

4.	1775, 7, 20:	Rebecca,	m. Benjamin,	son of Benjamin and Martha Cox
5.	1778, 5, 14:	Thomas,	m. Emey,	daughter do
6.	1779, 4, 15:	Herman,	m. Katherine,	d. of Samuel and Hannah Cox
7.	1783, 1, 9:	William,	m. Phebe,	d. of Isaac and Phebe Cox
8.	1787, 10, 21:	Jane,	m. Henry,	son of Levi and Mary Branson
9.	1789, 4, 16:	Nathan,	m. Catherine,	d. of William and Mary Moffitt
10.	1791, 12, 22:	Jacob,	m. Hannah,	do do

Probably all of the seven were born in North Carolina. Phebe Cox, who married William, No. 7 above, was the daughter of Isaac Cox and Phebe Allen, who were married at Cane Creek, Jan. 4, 1764.

IV. WILLIAM COX: Son of Harmon Cox and Jane Johns, preceding; married 1-9-1783, Phebe, daughter of Isaac and Phebe Cox.

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(Eulalie Mavity Records, order of birth not given)

1. Harmon	3. Isaac	5. Hannah	7. Silas, 1798
2. Jane	4. William, 1791	6. Ezra	8. Oliver, 1801

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V. WILLIAM COX: Son of William and Phebe Cox, preceding; born, NC, May 5, 1791; died Lawrence Co., June 3, 1867; m. Jane Roubottom, born 12-23-1793, NC; d. Lawrence Co., Jan.10, 1867. Married "out of unity": William disowned at Cane Creek 1-1-1814, Jane 2-5-1814. Both are buried in the little Cox Cemetery near Williams, Ind.

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1. Alexander Cox, b. NC	10-10-1813;	m.	Zibeah Adamson
2. George Washington Cox NC	7-13-1815;	m.	Eliza _______
3. Scarlet Cox born NC	8- 3-1817;	m.	Malinda Sears (he d.1848)
4. Simon Cox do	11-5-1818;	m.	Rachel Adamson (dau. Wm.)
5. Cytha Cox, born, Indiana	2-12-1820;	m.	James Dixon Williams
6. Phebe Cox dO	11- 1-1821;	m.	William Sears
7. Phineas (Fin) Cox do	3- 6-1823;	m.	Rachel Adamson (dau.J.W.)
8. Aaron Cox do	6-24-1825;		Went West
9. Enos Cox do	11- 6-1827;		
10. Serena Cox do	7-11-1829;	m.	John Embree
11. Jane Cox do	5- 8-1831;	m.	_______ Sears
12. Rebecca Cox do	10-17-1833;		died, 12-22-1846
13. Catherine (Kit) Cox	12-21-1835;	m.	_______ Boyd

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10. IVY ADAMSON

Ivy Adamson, according to the Bible Record a son of Thomas and Rachel Adamson, was born November ___ 1811, on the old Adamson homestead in the valley of the French Broad River, Cocke County, in East Tennessee. On August 29, 1812, when he was but eight momths of age, he was enrolled as a member of the Lost Creek Quaker Meeting, at the request of his Mother. Five years later, August 25, 1817, he was included in the family's certificate of removal to Lick Creek Indiana.

Little Ivy climbed into his mother's covered wagon, and took a long rough ride over rugged mountain trails from Newmarket, Tenn., to New Albany, Indiana. He grew up in Lawrence County, on the White River, near Bedford.

We have found no Bible or other record to prove it, but family memories have told us that two of Rachel Adamson's boys, the oldest and the youngest, married two of Ben Chesnut's girls, the oldest and the youngest. William Adamson (not the oldest, but the longest-lived) married Susan M. Chesnut, the oldest Chesnut girl. Ivy, the youngest Adamson boy, married Zibeah Chesnut, probably the youngest daughter.

Ivy took his wife to Illinois, and there we lost him. There were several children, according to Lisker Adamson's notes of 20 years ago, but only three of them survived. Both Ivy and his wife died in Illinois, or elsewhere. Three of the children came back to Indiana, where they were reared in homes of relatives.

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IVY ADAMSON married *ZIBEAH CHESNUT

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2.+ REBECCA ADAMSON: Born Nov. 3, 1837, in Illinois; died Feb. 24, 1879, Lawrence County; buried, Cox Cemetery, Williams, Ind. Married Burgess Cox, son of George W. and Eliza Cox, and grandson of William Cox and Jane Roubottom.

1.+ MALINDA ADAMSON: Born 1833, in Illinois; m. John F. Hendrickson

3.+ LOWERY ADAMSON: Born Feb. 20, 1841, in Illinois; died, Lawrence County, August 20, 1918; married Mary E. daughter of Aleck Kern. She was born Nov. 26, 1839; and died Feb. 6, 1911.

TRADITION

(*) This family's history is wrapped in tradition. Who was Ivy's wife? Zibeah? Mahala? Patricia? The family is not quite sure, and the record has not been found. Who married Malinda? was it Scarlet Cox? or John F. Hendrickson? The 1850 Census records prove it was not Scarlet Cox. Family memories say Hendrickson. But his descendants claim he married Matilda Adamson! (And who was Matilda?) And what became of Ivy? Did he join the Army and go to Mexico? or to California in '49? Or did those three orphans lose their parents, and maybe some brothers and sisters in some frontier epidemic?

NOTE: Correct order of birth: 1) Malinda; 2) Rebecca; 3) Lowery

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ADAMSON SOURCE BOOK

Descendants of
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? Byrd D.. and Rachel Williams Adamson
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THIRD GENERATION

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We give you "Granders", Twenty-Five

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21. LORENZO DOW ADAMSON

Lorenzo Dow Adamson was the son of Edmund, and the grandson of Rachel and Old Tom Adamson. His mother's name was Susan Evans, believed to be the daughter of Joshua, one of the 1820 pioneers of Lawrence County, and neighbor to the Adamsons.

He gave his age as 25 in the 1850 census return. About 1852/3 he married Phoebe Karris (age 34 in 1860), the daughter of Patsy Karris, born about 1790 in Georgia. The chirography of this 1860 census return is somewhat puzzling. The name might be read Farris, Harris or Karris. The latter name was substantiated in 1942 by Lisker L. Adamson, of Williams, Ind.

Phoebe Karris may have had a classic Greek background in her childhood. In the return for 1870 she gave the name of Arethuse. It is possible, of course, that Phoebe died, and that Lorenzo Dow had a second mate by 1870. Here are the siblings, as reconstructed, (with the help of Lisker Adamson) from census schedules:

LORENZO DOW ADAMSON married PHOEBE KARRIS

ISSUE

1.+	EMILY ADAMSON: Born about	1853;	married Milton Fields
2.	SUSAN E. ADAMSON:	1856;	
3.	ANDREW ADAMSON:	1858;	
4.+	WILLIAM FLOYD ADAMSON:	1859;	married ______ McGuire
5.	PRISCILLA D. ADAMSON:	1861;	
6.+	MARY BELLE ADAMSON:	1861;	married William Pierce

We have no further information on Susan, Andrew or Priscilla.

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PREACHER NAMESAKE

Edmund P. Adamson's oldest boy was named for the famous camp-meeting evangelist, Lorenzo Dow, who was at the height of his backwoods popularity in 1825. Many a pioneer baby boy born in the first third of the 19th Century was named "Lorenzo Dow". That great evangelist plowed through the wilderness from Maine to Louisiana, from Florida to the Northwest Territory, a total of 200,000 miles -- "a-preachin' of the Gospel".

It may be that Lawrence County was the locale of the hog-thief scandal when the great preacher unmasked the villain at one of his services. It is said that in the midst of a red-hot sermon on sin, he suddenly stopped and pointed an accusing finger at the populace.

"Thar's hawg-stealing a-goin' on in this here community!" he roared. Suiting words to appropriate action, he stooped over, picked up a large stone and thundered: "and I'm a-goin' to kill the thief!" A man in the crowd ducked. "There's your hawg-thief, brethren!" shouted Lorenzo Dow, as he hurled himself into the rest of his sermon.

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22. ELIZA A. ADAMSON=EVANS

Eliza A. Adamson was the daughter of Edmund P. Adamson and Susan Evans, and the grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson. She was born in Lawrence County, and was 23 years of age in 1850, two years younger than Lorenzo Dow. Lisker Adamson recalled that she married a man named Evans, first name not remembered.

ISSUE

1. JOHN EVANS: Married Carrie Pace

No further information

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26. RACHEL ANN ADAMSON=BRISTOW

Rachel Ann Adamson was the daughter of Edmund P. Adamson and Susan M. Evans; granddaughter of Rachel Adamson, and of Joshua and Elizabeth Evans. She was born in Lawrence County, Nov. 24, 1834, and died there August 23, 1921.

She married, November 21, 1867, Clement Bristow, as his second wife. He was born Jan. 9, 1824, and died June 30, 1880. His first wife, Olevia died June 20, 1867. They lie side by side in the New Union Cemetery.

CLEMENT BRISTOW married RACHEL ANN ADAMSON

ISSUE

1.+ SALLIE EMILY BRISTOW: Born August 28, 1868; died Sept. 15, 1932; m. Walter W. Quackenbush, b. Nov. 18, 1886; d. March 24, 1910, son of Uriah Quackenbush

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BEDFORD QUARRY INDUSTRY

Clement and Rachel Bristow owned the land on which the great limestone industry of Bedford started. On Nov. 24, 1877, for $1500, they sold the land for the opening of the first quarry in the county to S. B. Voris and R. Rodgers. Thousands of great buildings, beautiful monuments and miscellaneous structures have come from these quarries -- including the beautiful Thomas Jefferson Memorial and the War Department Pentagon at Washington.

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RACHEL ADAMSON=BRISTOW'S SECOND MARRIAGE

Following her husband's death, Rachel remarried, May 24, 1891. From being the second wife of a first husband, she became the third wife of her second husband. He was J. Milton Sellars, son of Edward Sellers and Amelia Stanton, born Feb. 2, 1826 in Laurel Co., Ky.

J. M. Sellers had married, 1st, Susan J. Sears, daughter of David Sears and Hannah Rainey. Susan had died in 1880, leaving him with five children: John W., Minerva, Adam, Rachel and Ida Sellers. He then married Serena Cox, daughter of William Cox and Jane Roubottom, the widow of John Embree. She had four Embree siblings: William, Elizabeth, Mary and John. These two echelons of Sellers and Embree children who greeted Sallie Bristow as step-brothers and sisters, will be presented in subsequent studies of these Lawrence County pioneer families.

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27. ISAAC DENSON ADAMSON

Isaac Denson Adamson, known as "Doc", was the son of Edmund P. Adamson and Susan Evans, and the grandson of Rachel Adamson. He was 11 years of age in 1850: date of birth, Nov. 9, 1839; died, 1915.

He married Dicey, daughter of Henry Inman.

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Several children, names not available, all died in infancy, according to Lisker Adamson's recollections.

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31. MAHALA ADAMSON=KERN

Mahala Adamson (sometimes spelled "Mahalia") who passed her full name Susan Mahala, on to her grand-daughter Susan M. Webb, was born in Lawrence County, July 29, 1826; and died there April 4, 1884. She was the first born of William W. Adamson and his wife Susan Mahala Chesnut, and the first grand-daughter of Rachel and Old Tom Adamson of Cocke County, Tennessee.

She married John R. Kern, son of Abraham Kern III, the Dunkard Elder and founder in 1819 of Old Union Church; and of his wife Susan Wilson. Elder Kern and wife were both natives of Pennsylvania, but were married in Nicholas County, Ky., in 1807, settling in 1816 on the White River in what was soon to become Lawrence County.

John R. Kern was born there August 22, 1822; and there he died, Jan. 17, 1877. Both John and Mahala are buried in Old Union Cemetery. Next to them is the grave of Wm. R. Kern, born May 4, 1852; died June 11, 1859. It is perhaps not erronious to assume that Wm. R. Kerr was their son.

JOHN R. KERN Married MAHALA ADAMSON

ISSUE

1.+ MATILDA JANE KERN: Born Oct. 16, 1843; died Sept. 8, 1930; married William Martin (Mark) Webb, b. June 4, 1845; died Nov. 3, 1876. Mark Webb was a Civil War Veteran of Company F. 65th Indiana Infantry. Husband and wife are buried at New Union Cemetery.

2.+ GEORGE WASHINGTON KERN: Born Aug. 17, 1845; died Oct. 2, 1927; married, June 28, 1868, Minerva Williams, dau. of James D. (Dick) Williams and Cytha Cox, born April 10, 1845; died Feb. 16, 1913.

3. WILLIAM R. KERN: Born May 4, 1852; died June 11, 1859

4.+ ABRAHAM S. KERN: Born March 25, 1855; died June __ 1917; married 1) Anna Gerber; 2) Nettie Carson

5.+ JOHN FRANKLIN KERN: Born Oct. 23, 1867; died July 7, 1919; married, Nov. 3, 1897, Bessie Violet Kern, born Nov. 3, 1874

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John R. Kern was a prosperous farmer, as indicated by the census record of 1860. It gives him a property valuation of $7,800, a tidy piece of agricultural property for that day. The same census return lists the following family: John R. Kern, 37; Mahala, 34; Matilda,16 George 14; Abraham S. 5.

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32. RACHEL ADAMSON=COX

Rachel Adamson was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, June 18, 1828. She died October 14, 1902, and was buried in Linthricum Cemetery, some five miles west of Harrodsburg, Ind. She was the daughter of William W. Adamson and Susan M. Chesnut; and the grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson.

During her long life, Rachel had considerable matrimonial experience, being married three times, -- first in her early teens and last in her thirties. Besides raising four children of her own loins she mothered five step-children and two orphaned cousins --children of her Uncle Ivy. A total family of fourteen-- what a Mother!

She married, first, about 1842, Simon Cox, son of William Cox and Jane Roubottom. He was born Nov. 5, 1818, and died Dec. 5, 1848. He is buried in the little Cox Cemetery near Williams, Indiana. He left Rachel a widow at twenty, with two young children to care for.

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SIMON COX Married RACHEL ADAMSON
ISSUE

1. RACHEL COX: Age 8 in census of 1850
2. +SUSAN J. COX: Born Feb. 13, 1848; married, Nov. 10, 1864, to William H. Kern, son of Alexander J. Kern of North Carolina, and Nancy Hurd. He was born June 24, 1840, and was a brother of Mary E. Kern, who married Lowery Adamson.

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Rachel's Second Marriage

June 17, 1850, Rachel married a handsome old widower over twice her age, named David Sears. He presented her with five youthful step-children, ages 9 to 18: plus three married ones her age or older. He was born in Rowan County, NC, Dec. 17, 1791, and came to Lawrence Co. via Nicholas Co., Ky., in 1818. In Kentucky he had married, Sept. 26, 1811, Anna Kern, sister of Elder Abram Kern III of Old Union, by whom he sired seven children. The last two were twins, and Anna had died at childbirth. It was necessary for him to find quickly a mother for his seven orphans. So he took Hannah Rainey to wife, October 1, 1824. She brought him eight more children. The five that became companions to Rachel's two, were:

1. Rainey Sears, age 18)
2. Martin Isaac Sears, 16)
3. Angelina Sears, 13)
4. Melvina Sears, 12)
5. David H. Sears, 9)

Then Rachel bore David Sears Two more Children ....

DAVID SEARS Married RACHEL ADAMSON=COX
ISSUE

3. + WILLIAM MARION SEARS: Born Sept. 16, 1854; died April 25, 1937; married 4-15-1874, 1) Isora Pedigo, b. 3-1-1856; d. 1-18-1883 married 2-14-1884, 2) Amelia Owens, b.2-27-1855; d. 5-13-1937
4. MAHALA A. SEARS: Born October 19, 1857; died young.

David Sears died August 24, 1864, and is buried, with all of this family, in Linthricum Cemetery, west of Harrodsburg.

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Rachel's Third Marriage

Rachel, twice a widow, married in 1867, another widower. He was J. W. Stephenson, whose wife Jane had died March 16, 1865. He died, without issue, May 5, 1887.

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33. JULIA ELMA ADAMSON=WEST

Julia Elma Adamson was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, April 14 1832; place and date of death and interment not reported. She was the third child (and third daughter) of William W. Adamson and Susan M. Chesnut; and the grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson.

Julia Elma Adamson was married three times:

First Marriage

August 20, 1854. To John West, who died 1864 and is buried at Old Union. He was a brother or cousin to Catherine West, wife of William B. Adamson. Hence he was either a son or a nephew of Miles West. The latter is shown in the 1840 census with one male (himself) age 40/50; wife 30/40; seven boys between 5 and 30; four girls under ten. One of these girls is Catherine who married Wm. Benjamin.

Second Marriage

After John West's death, Julia Elma married, 2nd, ________ Reed, a widower with three children. Neither his nor his children's names are available. There was no issue by this marriage, and (as Amy Gee put it) "it didn't work".

Third Marriage

Julia Elma married, 3rd, in 1873, William Peake, without issue.

JOHN WEST Married JULIA ELMA ADAMSON

ISSUE

1.+ WILLIAM HOMER WEST: Born Sept. 12, 1854; died Sept. 12, 1917.(*)
Married 1) Clara Armstrong; issue: Clara Irene and Ruth Alice
2) April 15, 1890, at Louisville, Ky., Grace Peake
Issue: Catherine

2.+ SUSAN AERIA WEST: Born, April 27, 1856; died April 16, 1933.(**)
Married: Alvin B. Armstrong

3. ANZA LETTA WEST: Born Dec. 28, 1858; died Dec. 19, 1938.(***)
Married, June 5, 1884, James Frank Hamer. No issue.

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Some alternate dates have been suggested by descendants and relatives: A grand-daughter, Catherine West-Tarwater-White; Cousin Amy Gee; nieces Beulah Thompson and Virginia Adamson Armstrong. Dates given above are by the grand-daughter. Alternate dates are footnoted as follows:

(*) Virginia Armstrong, birth 9-28-1855; death, 1918, clipping
(**) do birth 4-27-1861; death 4-6-38,clipping
(***) do birth 2-21-1863; death 12-19-38 clipping

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Postscript, June 16: Too late for editing into the foregoing record, we have received from Mrs. Catherine West White of Waco, Texas, a "report" making some minor corrections and some additions to the above notes. These will be incorporated fully in the 1962 brochure.
--The Editors

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34. THOMAS MARION ADAMSON

Thomas Marion Adamson was born in Lawrence County, April 12,1835; and died there Oct. 6, 1901. He was the fourth child and oldest son of William W. Adamson and Susan M. Chesnut; and grandson of Rachel Adamson. On March 27, 1855, he married Amanda J. Lackey, daughter of Thomas Lackey and Nancy Short. She was born in Lawrence County Feb.26 1834, and died there Nov. 9, 1917. In their declining years, Thomas and Amanda were cared for by their devoted daughter Laura Frances.

THOMAS M. ADAMSON Married AMANDA J. LACKEY
ISSUE

1. SUSAN NETTA ADAMSON: Born Feb. 26, d. Feb. 27, 1856; grave near that of Aleck Kern at Old Union; marker at Williams Cemetery

2. LAURA FRANCES ADAMSON: Born April 12, 1857; d. March 13, 1935; m. March 8, 1919, Walter Alonzo Evans; divorced.

3. +EMMA D. ADAMSON: Born Jan. 24, 1860; d. March 30, 1942; m. 9-16-80 Arista Jackson (divorced) who d. March 1917; Emma is buried in Cresthaven Cemetery, south of Bedford

4. ANISE BERTHEL ADAMSON: Born Nov. 21, 1862; d. April 3, 1942; m. 11-11-86, Richard A. Myers, b. 8-21-1865; d. 2-11-1953 (in his car on square at Bedford); both buried in Pinhook Cemetery.

5. CLARK ADAMSON: Born March 20, 1865; d. 6-16-1908;bur.Williams Cem.

6. +LISKER LACKEY ADAMSON: Born Jan.18, 1870; d. Jan.13, 1961; m. Nellie Cytha Rout, dau. of Wesley Rout and Louisa Williams: born March 23, 1875; d. Nov. 3, 1957. She was descended through her mother from both Isaac Williams and William Cox. They were mar. April 3, 1892. Both are interred in the Williams Cemetery.

7. +FRED K. ADAMSON: Born March 20, 1873; m. Oct. 29, 1899 at Williams to Leota Lillian Sims: born Sept. 3, 1881; d. Oct. 9, 1953, and buried at Washington Park Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Fred K. Adamson is, in 1961, the only survivor of this family. At age 88, he is the Senior Adamson, Sir Emeritus, "The Doyen" of the Clan. As these records are being prepared for the 1961 reunion, Fred and his daughter Vera are in Indiana, planning a permanent change of residence from Florida to California. May the Doyen enjoy many years to come in the Land of the Golden Sunset!.

Emma and Anise, above, were lifelong pals. Emma left a large bevy of Adamson-Jackson descendants; Anise was childless. She came to Lisker's home at Williams to attend her sister's funeral in 1942. While waiting, she suffered two heart attacks. And there were two funerals instead of one!

Lisker Adamson was the family historian. By his consecrated coop-eration in 1942 many records were compiled that are being incorporat-ed in this family history. It was a pleasure to deliver Part I of the Source Book into his keeping for the 1960 Reunion. Now that he has gone to the Great Reunion in the Skies, the mantle of family historian has fallen on the capable shoulders of his daughter, Beulah Adamson Thompson, of Williams. Lisker's family record will be considered in greater detail in the round of material for the Fourth Generation.

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THE LACKEY=SHORT CONNECTION

THOMAS LACKEY	WIFE NANCY
June 10, 1807	April 12, 1810
Nov. 10, 1858	March 9, 1843

You will find these epitaphs in Lawrence County's Short-Mayfield-Ferguson Pioneer Cemetery. They mark the graves of the parents of Amanda J. Lackey, wife of Thomas M. Adamson. Nancy's Uncle Wesley Short tied the knot for them, March 24, 1831. Thomas was the son of William Lackey and Ruth Ard; Nancy the daughter of John Short (always "Jack" to his friends) and Ava Owens. "Jack" Short was born Nov. 11, 1786, and died Oct. 3, 1865. Ava was born Nov. 11, 1789, and died Dec. 31, 1848. They were married February 3, 1808.

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SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION

Three veteran soldiers of the American Revolution are buried in this pioneer cemetery, and have been honored with a DAR Marker. They are: Andrew Beatty, 1747-1819; James Hurt, 1746-1834; and John Short, 1756-1836. "Jack" Short, father of Nancy of the above epitaph, was the third son and fourth child of Patriot John Short and his wife Mary Hansford whom he married Jan. 20, 1780. Patriot John Short was born Feb. 15, 1756, and died May 15, 1836; his wife Mary Hansford was born Jan. 13, 1756, and died July 30, 1821. Their children, and the order of their birth were: Wesley, Sarah, William, John ("Jack"), Thomas, Samuel, Reuben, Ezekiel, Hansford.

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THOMAS LACKEY Married NANCY SHORT
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1. NETTIE CHRISTINE LACKEY: Born 1833, d. March 1910; m. 1) John J. Trueblood, who d. 1874 in Kansas. Issue: Riley J. 1858; Ollie, 1860; Morton 1862; Hattie 1870, sole surviving child. m. 2) Alfred Quackenbush, b. 1828, d. Jan. 5, 1900
2. AMANDA J. LACKEY: Born Feb. 26, 1834; d. Nov. 9, 1917; married Thomas M. Adamson, for whose record see page 32 preceding.
3. JOHN EWING LACKEY: Born May 26, 1835; d. April 3, 1906; married Mary V. Pitt, b. May 31, 1854; d. Nov. 3, 1929. Issue: Otis 1871-1881; Norma 1876-1893; Earl 1882-1957; Orvillia 1888-1956.
4. CYNTHIA A. LACKEY: Born 1837; married Oscar Fisher, with issue: Isis, Homer, Thomas, Delia, John, Edith, Richard, Ernest
5. HAYWARD LACKEY: Born 1839; died 1842
6. AVA LACKEY: Born 1842; died 1843
7. HIRAM LACKEY: Civil War Veteran: Corporal, 31st Indiana Inf. Vols. Born March 4, 1843; d. March 7, 1925; married Mary Ann Spenslay; She was born Feb. 15, 1848; d. Nov. 14, 1923. Issue: Elbridge H. b. 3-26-1869, d. 1-5-1951; Era, b. 5-28-1874, d. 8-31-1960; Howard, b. 1-27-1876, d. 9-17-1945.

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NOTE: This record has been compiled from a variety of sources: The 1942 notes of Lisker L. Adamson; 196d notes by Beulah Thompson and Alma Ferguson; DAR records; epitaph material found in the old Short-Mayfield-Ferguson Pioneer Cemetery; and 1850 census returns.

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35. WILLIAM BENJAMIN ADAMSON

William Benjamin Adamson was born October 17, 1838 in Lawrence County, and died ______. He was the son of William W. Adamson and Susannah M. Chesnut; and grandson of Rachel Adamson. He married Catherine, daughter of Miles West. She was born Jan. 13, 1837.

In the census return for 1840, Miles and William West lived on either side of James D. Williams and wife Cytha Cox. Doubtless they were either brothers or father and son. Miles, the older, was age 40/50, with family as follows: Wife 30/40; 7 sons, 2 20/30, 1 15/20, 3 10/15, 1 5/10; and 4 daughters, 2 5/10 and 2 under 5. Catherine, born 1837, was included in the latter figure. She had three sisters and at least seven older brothers.

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WILLIAM B. ADAMSON Married CATHERINE WEST

Issue

1.+ SENTENEY ADAMSON: Minister, Christian Church. Born Jan.15, 1862; d. 12-9-1910; m. Emma Short, b. July 26, 1859; d. 3-11-1934

2. BYRUM ADAMSON: Died young.

3. MORTON ADAMSON: Died young

4.+ DOYLE BOWDEN ADAMSON: Born March 3, 1868; died Sept. 22, 1957 Married Aug. 21, 1891, Annie E. Gillock, b.11-20-68,d.5-4-05

5.+ HOMER H. ADAMSON: Minister, Christian Church. Born Nov. 10, 1870; died ______1944; married, March 8, 1892, Flora May Krutzinger. She was born May 6, 1874, and died Jan. 26, 1960.

6. CLARA E. ADAMSON:Born July 17, 1874; died August 20, 1890

7.+ JOHN Z. ADAMSON: Born July 6, 1876; married Gertie ____________ Address: 1115 Ocean Ave., Seal Beach, Calif. At the ripe old age of 85, John Z. Adamson is the sole survivor of this family

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In 1942, two years prior to his death, the late Rev. Homer H. Adamson of Franklin, Ky., sent the following notes to the Adamson archives:

THE WEST FAMILY

"Miles West was twice married. My mother was by the second marriage. When she was four years old her parents were buried in the same grave. She was taken and reared by Aunt Kate Hastings and Arthur Hastings, who lived in the sight of the old Port Williams Church. I do not know about the children of my grandfather's first marriage. My mother had two older sisters: Lydia West Doane and Elizabeth West Marley. She had a younger brother, Arthur West, who lived and died near Silverville. I think the West family came from North Carolina.

ADAMSON PREACHERS

"As to the preachers: My brother Senteney was a preacher. Litna, son of Ziba was at one time a preacher. Walter, son of Frank, was a preacher-- and has a son Frank who is a preacher. I am a kind of preacher myself-- and that's all I know of the chicken-eating brigade

"Few would be interested in my record as a preacher, so I make it brief. I preached 18 years in Bloomington, Ind. Five years in Lewisburg, Tenn. Five years in Woodfield, Ohio. Twelve years at Vinewood Church, Detroit. Began work at Franklin, Ky., October, 1941."

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36. ZIBA HOWARD ADAMSON 1598224

Ziba Howard Adamson was born in Lawrence County April 29, 1841, lived there under 23 US Presidents, and died May 19, 1938, living past the years of any other Indiana Adamson. His remains are in the Church of Christ Cemetery between Fayetteville and Bedford. He was the son of William W. Adamson and Susan M. Chesnut; and grandson of Rachel Adamson. He was married twice: First to Catherine Lamb, daughter of Isaiah Lamb and Christena Frederick, whose epitaph at New Union gives dates of birth and death as 1840 and 1894; 2nd, April 21, 1895, to (Mrs.) Emma Miller. He was a soldier of the Civil War in Capt. Culp's Indianapolis Company, but was not ordered to field service.

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ZIBA H. ADAMSON Married CATHERINE LAMB
ISSUE

1. ACENA ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, Indiana, December 1, 1862; died, August 5, 1864; burial at New Union
2. +AHINEUM ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, Nov. 1, 1864; d. 3-10-1936 at Rosemead, Calif.; married Dr. Joseph Blackburn
3. ISAIAH ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, Oct. 18, 1866; died April 4, 1868; burial at New Union
4. +LITNA ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, Nov. 19, 1869; died, Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 23, 1945; married Metta Cosner, now (1961) living with her son Wendell M. Adamson at Alamogordo, New Mexico
5. +FRANK J. ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, Aug. 6, 1871; died, March — 1959; married, Martinsburg, Ill., Louella Zumwalt
6. +WILLIAM EVERETT ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, Jan. 15, 1873; died, Dec. 2, 1941; burial in Church of Christ Cemetery. Married Faye Lane, October 16, 1901.
7. +AMMA ELIZABETH (AMY) ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, June 18, 1875; Married 1) Hugh L. Jackson; issue: Gladys Jackson Sears
   2) John W. Gee; issue: Howard Gee.
8. +ACOAM HOWARD ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, August 18, 1877; died, Spokane, Wash., July 13, 1931; married Florence Ann Henson

ISSUE: 2ND MARRIAGE: EMMA MILLER

9. BRADA N. ADAMSON: Born, Fayetteville, April 14, 1897; died at Ft. Wayne, April 8, 1938; burial, Church of Christ Cemetery.

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LITNA ADAMSON, No. 4 above, contributed many items of history to the Adamson archives in 1942. Among other items of interest he gave a commemorative backward glance at the "Adamson Preachers". His data will be incorporated in a future brochure for the Reunion.

AMY GEE (Amma Elizabeth, No. 7) is the Hoosier Clan Matriarch of the Adamsons. She is the last survivor of Uncle Ziba's large and brilliant family. Thanks to her recollections of childhood days -- tied to those of Lisker and Wendell Adamson and Ribble Sears -- we feel competent in saying that Ivy Adamson married the younger sister of "Aunt Sookie" Adamson, Zibbie Chesnut. "Uncle Billy" Adamson spent his last days at Thomas Marion's home; "Aunt Sookie" at Anza-Letta Sears domicile. They left Chesnut memories with Lisker Adamson and Ribble Sears. "Uncle Zibby" left his Chesnut memories with Amy Gee and Wendell Adamson. And all of these memories rolled up into the solution of the Query: "Who did Ivy Adamson marry?" And the answer was Susan M. Chesnut's younger sister, Zibbie Chesnut.

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OUR FLOCK OF LAMBS

SARAH H.LAMB	Three Epitaphs at Old Union	CHRISTENA LAMB
Wife of Isaiah	ISAIAH LAMB	Wife of Isaiah
July 15 1805	Dec. 19 1798	January 3 1800
Jan'y 7 1834	Dec. 8 1878	August 28 1866

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Lawrence County had several pioneer Lamb Families. First was John Lamb who came before 1820. He and his wife were about 45; they had a son and daughter between 16 and 26. The census of 1830 shows three Lambs -- but no Isaiah. Benjamin and wife were in 50/60 age bracket, with son and daughter 10/15. Jacob and wife were between 20 and 30, with son under five. Silas and wife were age 20/30, with two sons 5/10 and one under five. A mother, or mother-in-law, age 60/70 evidently lived with Silas.

Isaiah had arrived by 1840. Ages of the four Lambs shown in this census schedule are: Benjamin 60/70; Isaiah 40/50; Isaac 20/30; Silas 30/40. With the latter was an old Patriarch over 70. In 1850 Isaiah gave his nativity as North Carolina. There were many Quaker Lambs in that state. The 1790 Census shows 45 Carolina Lamb families. Thus it may well be that this 1840 record represents a Lamb Clan from Tar Heel Country.

In 1850, Isaiah Lamb was 52 years of age, farmer, $5000 worth of farm property. His oldest children were probably born in North Carolina, although the census indicates otherwise. As shown by the epitaph his first wife's name was Sarah H (last name unknown); his second wife was Christena Frederick. With these three, several children are buried on the Lamb plot at Old Union Cemetery.

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ISAIAH LAMB Married SARAH H. ________

1. Parmenius Lamb, born about 1825; may have been a twin of No. 2
2. Nancy Lamb, born April 22, 1826; d. Dec. 15, 1903;Williams Cem
3. Hiram Lamb, born (probably) 1827-8; no other data
4. Martha Lamb, born 1829
5. Willis Lamb, born March 7, 1831; d. 2-19-75; burial Old Union

ISAIAH LAMB Married 2nd, CHRISTENA FREDERICK
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6. +Obediah Lamb, b. Dec. 3, 1835; d. 6-9-1914; m. Emmeline Adamson
7. Josiah Lamb, born 1841; died 9-26-1869, aet 28; Old Union
8. +Catherine Lamb, born 1840; d. 1894; m. Ziba H. Adamson (page 35)
9. Christena Lamb, born 1840; twin of Catherine(*)
10. Edward Lamb, born 1843; died 1863, in service, Civil War Veteran

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(*) Census of 1850 gives same ages (8) for Catherine and Christena. Catherine's tombstone, however, gives 1840 as date of birth. This roster of the Lamb Cousins is compiled from Census records, epitaph material, 1942 notes of Lisker Adamson and Wilbur Dillman, and the 1961 notes of Beulah Thompson.

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37. ANZA LETTE ADAMSON=SEARS

Anza-Letta Adamson was born in Lawrence County July 14 1844, and died March 28, 1891. She was the daughter of William W. Adamson and Susannah M. Chesnut; and grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson.

She married Michael Alexander Sears, a descendant of Johannes Zaher, religious refugee of 1749. Michael A. was born in Lawrence Co. about 1845, son of Benjamin Sears and Rachel Kern. Census records indicate that Benjamin Sears was born in Kentucky about 1821, and his wife Rachel in 1826. His father was Michael A. Sears, Sr., born in Rowan County, NC, April 24, 1797, who married Elizabeth Boardman in Nicholas Co., Ky., March 21, 1819. She was born Dec. 16, 1803, and died in 1877. (See Part I: pp 54-56, Adamson Source Book.)

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MICHAEL A. SEARS Married ANZA-LETTA ADAMSON
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1.+ JOSEPH WM. RIBBLE SEARS: Born Oct. 7, 1870; died Oct. 13, 1954; married Blanche Lane, February 7, 1892.

2. ROSCO SEARS: Born April 20, 1884; died March 8, 1895

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Susan Chesnut Adamson spent her last days in the home of Michael A. and Anza-Letta Sears. It was during this period of residence that she opened up the floodgates of memory and related to her family many anecdotes of her pioneer life. From these Ribble recalled the marriage of two Chesnut girls to two Adamson boys.

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38. MARSHAL FRANKLIN ADAMSON

Marshal Franklin Adamson was born in Lawrence County in 1849, and died there ________. He was the son of William W. Adamson and Susan M. Chesnut; and the grandson of Rachel Adamson.

He married Susan Virginia Boyd, daughter of __________ Boyd, who was born ________ and died ________

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MARSHAL F. ADAMSON Married SUSAN V. BOYD
ISSUE

2.+ VARENA RACHEL ADAMSON: Born March 11, 1877; married, Oct. 1, 1895 to Thomas Henry Pierce. Varena Pierce, one of the original organizers of the Adamson Reunion; Long Live Varena!

3.+ ANZA-LETTA ADAMSON: Born Nov. 23, 1880; died Nov. 12, 1939; m. John W. McGuire, Oct. 4, 1898; he was b. 4-2-1869; d.7-26-25

4.+ WALTER W. ADAMSON: Born ________; died ________ Married Kiziah Mae Hackler

1.+ ZELLA ADAMSON: Born March 17, 1873; died April 1, 1919; married Earl Rainey, born June 26, 1878; died Sept. 19, 1952 (*)

5. ZORA ADAMSON: Died, age 19

6.+ WILLIAM M. ADAMSON: Born March 9, 1889; died March 4, 1959; m. 1) Elva McGinnis who d. 1922; m. 2) Violet May

7.+ NOBLE R. ADAMSON: Born Sept. 14, 1891; married , 1st, Nov. 29,1911 Viola Smith, b. 7-13-1893, d. 6-16-1957; married, 2nd, Oct. 10, 1958, Ethel Blackard Hale, born Dec. 15, 1914.

(*)NOTE: Names inadvertently disarranged; Zella is first-born.

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41. ABRAHAM KERN ADAMSON

Abraham Kern Adamson was born in Lawrence County, May 9, 1824; and died there Nov. 14, 1855. "Aged 31 years, 6 month, 5 days". He was laid to rest at Old Union. He was the son of John Wesley Adamson Sr., and Fannie Kern; and grandson of Rachel Adamson. He married, Dec. 25, 1842, Louisa Sears, daughter of David Sears and Hannah Rainey. She was born July 18, 1825, and died April 3, 1908.

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ABRAHAM K. ADAMSON Married LOUISA SEARS

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1.+ HANNAH EMMALINE ADAMSON: Born, 1845; died _____; married Obediah Lamb, son of Isaiah Lamb and Christena Frederick; b. 12-3-1835

2.+ FRANCES MELISSA ADAMSON: Born June 30, 1848; died _____; m. Jan. 29, 1865, Henry Clay Kern, born 1846, son of Ezra Kern

3.+ JOHN RAINEY ADAMSON: Born Sept. 22, 1852; died June 27, 1942 at San Diego, Calif. Married, 1st, Virginia M. Kern, dau. of Noah Kern and Evaline B. Hurd; 2nd, Evaline B. Kern-Phipps, dau. of John Simeon and Elizabeth Amanda Kern.

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Following the death of her husband Abraham, Louisa Sears-Adamson married, 2nd, Allen Short. He was born Jan. 27, 1821, and died about 1870. The marriage, August 17, 1861 (second for both Allen and Louisa had no issue. But his first wife, Rebecca Short (b. Oct. 27, 1825) left these four Step-Shorts to join Louisa's three Adamsons:

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1. Jane Short, born Feb. 17, 1846
2. Mary Short, Nov. 12, 1848
3. Thadeus J.E.Short Aug. 31, 1850
4. Susan Louisa Short Nov. 10, 1851

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"OLD JOHN POTTER"

Louisa Sears-Adamson-Short was so unfortunate as to be widowed a second time. But she faced the future bravely, selecting a third candidate for her affections. He was a benign and smiling gentleman familiarly known as "Old John Potter". And to him she bore a son:

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4.+ JAMES POTTER, born about 1875. (Sears, but not Adamson strain) m. Reatha Pitman, dau of Frank Pitman and Rachel Cox (No.93)

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"Escaped the Dunkard Religion"

John Rainey, her youngest Adamson and a great story-teller, used to tell of the tragic passing of his second step-father... Grandmothe Louisa was a devout enthusiastic disciple of the New Light doctrines preached by old Abram Kern, the Dunkard Elder. She exhorted,preached, evangelized and apostatized constantly, in season and out of season, with neighbors, friends, family and all hardened sinners of the community. Each Sunday morning she cleaned and scrubbed the whole family and carried them off to the day's services at Old Union.

One Sunday morning they were all dressed and ready for church when Old John decided to shave. "The rest of us climbed in the wagon. After waiting a while Mother got fidgety and went to see what John was doing. She found him in the bedroom, his throat slit from ear to ear! Well, we gave him decent burial, but I always thought the epitaph should have read: 'John Potter, Born Pennsylvania, Nov. 18, 1807. Cut his throat to escape the Dunkard Religion'!" = = = = = = = = = = =

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43. Rachel S. Adamson=Cox

Rachel S. Adamson was born about 1830 in Lawrence County, and died ________. She was the daughter of John Wesley Adamson, Sr., and Fannie Kern; and grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson. About 1846 she married Phineas (known as "Fin") Cox. He was the son of William Cox and Jane Roubottom, and was born in Lawrence County March 26, 1823. Fin and Rachel has one child who lived about a year and is buried at Old Union. Then, with Fin's brother Aaron, they left for the West during the Gold Rush migration, when the folks back home lost their trail to the sunset.

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1. JOHN P. (Phineas?) COX: Born Oct. 12, 1847; died Sept. 27, 1848.

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45. ALEXANDER ADAMSON

Alexander Adamson was born in Lawrence County in 1837 and died there in 1915. He was the son of John Wesley Adamson, Sr., and Fannie Kern; and grandson of Rachel Adamson. He married Melissia Jane Sears (1840-1913), daughter of Adam Sears and Anna Rebecca Wright. Both husband and wife are buried at Old Union.

ALEXANDER ADAMSON Married MELISSIA J. SEARS
ISSUE

1.+ CORNELIA ADAMSON: Born ____________; died ____________ (McClelland) Married Frank Jackson, son of John Jackson and Mary Ann ^
2.+ MAUDIE ADAMSON: Born ________; died __________; married Dr. E. E. Mitchell
3.+ WALTER ADAMSON: Born ________; died __________; Married 1) Donie McHargue; 2) Cora Phillips
4. FANNIE R. ADAMSON: Born Jan.15, 1869; d.Apr.29, 1871; "Old Union"

"Aleck" was one of the boys whose heads got bumped in the wagon box story (page 18) back in '56. The kids at school used to get him mad by calling him "Smart Aleck"-- but he never could really decide whether he was being praised or razzed. And he was never quite sure that he was not named for "Saint" Alexander Campbell, frontier hero of the New Lights. Be that as it may, his father evened up the score by naming the next boy John Wesley, Jr. And thereby hangs a tale:

Old John Wesley, Sr., might have been a Methodist namesake due to his father's grudge against the Quakers. But he didn't think too much of Methodists himself, while greatly admiring his father-in-law, old Abram Kern, the New Light Preacher, and Barton W. Stone of Kentucky, and A. Campbell, leader of the "Campbellites".

Fun-loving old John Rainey Adamson reported that one night Bill Saddler rode in from Shoals, roused John W. and asked for a night's lodging. After a nip of apple brandy and branch water, John W.sniffed the air and drawled: "Bill, whereat did you stay last night?" Bill named a well-known Methodist family back on the road a piece.

"Bill," said Old Wess, "I thought I smelled a funny smell on you Now you march right down to the branch and wash off that damn Methodist smell-- and be sure to rench your clothes dry!"

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46. JOHN WESLEY ADAMSON, JR

John Wesley Adamson, Jr., was born in Lawrence County, Oct. 21, 1839, and died there April 28, 1928. He was the son of John Wesley Adamson, Sr. and Fannie Kern; and grandson of Rachel Adamson. He was married Dec. 7, 1860 to Tabitha E. Sears by Elder Lewis Kern. She was born March 22, 1844 and died May 3, 1891. She was the daughter of Adam Sears and Anna Rebecca Wright; grand-daughter of David Sears and Anna Kern, and also of Elder Peter Wright, a Christian Church pioneer. John Wesley and wife Tabitha are buried at Old Union.

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JOHN W. ADAMSON, JR Married TABITHA E. SEARS
ISSUE

1. WINNIE ETTA ADAMSON: Born Dec. 15, 1865; died ________; married, April 30, 1893, William Jackson, son of John Jackson and Mary Ann McClelland. No issue. Married by Elder Lowery Adamson
2. MATHIS ULYSSES ADAMSON: Born 3-11, d. 10-4-68;burial at Old Union
3. TILLMAN ADAMSON: Born Jan.7, d. April 7, 1869; burial, Old Union
4. PRIOR A. ADAMSON: Born Feb. 19, 1872; died April 12, 1936. Prior was "an Old Bachelor". Buried at Old Union
5. +ERNEST J. ADAMSON: Born July 25, 1876; d. April 24, 1958; married Ella B. Owen Oct. 11, 1900. She was b. 4-4-1877; d. 11- ?-1921
6. +BURNIE ADAMSON: Born Aug. 19, 1882; died March 9, 1961; burial at Old Union. Married Lena Agnes Stiles, dau. of Wm. Stiles and Leona Suter, August 15, 1921. She was born Aug. 25, 1893.

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OUTFITTING WITH SHOE
==OUTWITTING A JEW==

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Another of the John Rainey Adamson stories has to do with the great strength in the hands of John W. Adamson, Jr. "We both raised a crop of boys," he said, "and in 1896 at sugaring-off time we were all out at work. There were Uncle Wess's boys Ernest and Burnie; and mine was Charley, Lester, Oral, Aubrey and Jason. We were all around the sugar shed having lunch. I noticed a Jew pack-peddler approaching with his pack of goods -- which happened to be Kangaroo Shoes. Uncle Wesley invited him to share a bite of lunch; after which the peddler wanted to display his goods.

"He held up a strong piece of kangaroo hide about two inches wide by 19 long. 'Anyvun vot can break dis mit his two hands' he said, 'vill git a pair of chooz for free'.

"'Hand me that strap!' said Uncle Wess. He picked it up, took a turn around each hand, gave a snap, handed back the two pieces to the peddler and asked for another strap. But the astonished old Jew, instead of challenging Uncle with another strap, started sorting out shoes for proper sizes. He outfitted all seven kids!"

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AUNT LAURA

John Wesley Adamson, Jr., married, 2nd, Laura Gaither, known to the juniors as "Aunt Laura". There was no issue by this alliance. Aunt Laura had two well-known traits: (1) She cordially despised the New Light Faith of the Adamson, Kern, Sears and Williams families; and (2) she loved her pipe. The combination of these hobbies resulted (as we have seen) in the destruction of the Adamson Bible Record.

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47. OLEVIA JANE ADAMSON=ESPIE

Olevia Jane was the last of the children of John Wesley Adamson, Sr., and Fannie Kern; she was a grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson. She was born in Lawrence County, probably in 1847. The Census return for 1850 notes, under her father's report:

"Leva J., age 3, native of Indiana"

Olevia married William Espie, and had issue, according to Lisker Adamson, as follows:

1. Marie Espie
2. John Espie
3. Henry Espie
4. Lulu Espie

No further information on this family.

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53. CYNTHIA ANN ADAMSON=PARHAM

Cynthia Ann Adamson was born in Lawrence County, about 1834: One girl in the midst of a quartet of husky boys-- Elkanah, James, Thomas and Josephus. And all good biblical names. The census record of 1850 gives her age as sixteen -- and native of Indiana.

She was the daughter of Jesse Adamson and Eveline (or Eliza) Evans; the grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson. She married a Dr. Parham, and had several children, among whom:

ISSUE

1. Alonzo Parham
2. Walter Parham
3. Lilly Parham
4. Lizzie Parham

No further information is available to show place or date of birth and death, whether married, or to whom. The four names were given in 1942 by Lisker Adamson who said: All of them are dead except Walter who lives in Bloomington.

Should anyone reading this record know of living descendants of Jesse Adamson and Eveline Evans, or any pertinent history of the Evans family, with four of whom Rachel Adamson's children intermarried, please get in touch with the compilers, in order that their records may be included in a subsequent brochure.

FAMILY HISTORIANS
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91. HENRY COX

Henry Cox was born in Lawrence County Nov. 17, 1836, and died there Dec. 26, 1909. He was the son of Alexander Cox and Zibeah Adamson; grandson of Rachel Adamson; and of William Cox and Jane Roubottom, Quaker pioneers in Lawrence County from Cane Creek, NC.

In 1863 he married Emily Jane Kern, daughter of Benjamin Kern and Nancy J. Baker; grand-daughter of William Kern and Susan Sears. She was born in Lawrence County Nov. 21, 1846, and died there Sept.24,190-

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HENRY COX Married EMILY JANE KERN

ISSUE

1.+ MINNIE MAY COX: Born 12-12-1865; married 10-13-87, Preston M. Mavity(1858-1931), son of John Mavity and Mary Ann Martin
2.+ IDIS COX: Born 12-25-1868; died 4-14-1961; married Cyrus W. Wilking Nov.18, 1891; he was born 8-31-1869; died 12-23-1948
3.+ ALEXANDER COX, JR: Born 6-10-1873; d. 12-12-1948; m. 10-13-1896, Kate, dau. of Jacob Bossert and Rebecca Williams; b.3-15-187_ /(d.6-13-194_
4.+ BLANCHE COX: Born Dec.__1886; m. Hershel Baker.

A SALUTE!! To Rachel's Oldest Living Granddaughter: Minnie Cox Mavity And Thanks! For Rachel's Bible Record, to Blanche Cox Baker!

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92. TABITHA COX=FERGUSON

Tabitha Cox was born in Lawrence County, Feb. 3, 1838, and died there Dec. 31, 1870, and is buried in the Cox Cemetery. She was the daughter of Alexander Cox and Zibeah Adamson, and grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson; and of William Cox and Jane Roubottom.

She married John G. Ferguson, son of _________; b. 5-28-1832 and died 4-10-1898. His second wife Martha (8-24-1841; 9-6-1878) sleeps in Mt. Olive; 3rd wife, Sallie Smith=Ferguson=Polk(12-22-52; 2-8-194_) is buried with him in Williams Cemetery.

=====JOHN G. FERGUSON and TABITHA COX : ISSUE=====

1. CANAAN FERGUSON: Born 8-5-1863; died 3-28-1893; m. Cora Hinshaw
2. NETTIE FERGUSON: Married Otis Davis

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93. RACHEL JANE COX=PITMAN

Rachel Jane Cox was born in Lawrence County Oct. 22, 1842, and died there April 12, 1904. She was the daughter of Alexander Cox and Zibeah Adamson; and grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson; and of William Cox and Jane Roubottom. She married Benjamin Franklin Pitman, and both are buried in Old Shiloh Cemetery. He was born 4-6-1833; d. 8-7-1895.

===== BENJ. F. PITMAN and RACHEL J. COX : ISSUE=====

1. Reatha (Ret) Pitman, who married James Potter, and had issue Ray Potter, who died young.

James, or Jim, Potter, was the only son of "Old John Potter" and Louisa Sears=Adamson=Short=Potter. He inherited the estate of his mother and made many gifts of benevolence and philanthropy; but later lost everything he owned. He was many years a School Trustee in Indi[an] Creek Township.

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10.1 MALINDA ADAMSON=HENDRICKSON

Malinda Adamson (remembered by the Hendricksons as "Matilda") was born in Illinois in 1833, the daughter of Ivy Adamson and Zibeah Chesnut; grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson. She was one of several children born in Illinois, only three of whom survived and returned to Indiana after their father's death. In Indiana she lived in the home of Aleck and Zibbie Cox, her aunt and uncle, until marriage, about the year 1851, with John F. Hendrickson. He also lived with Aleck Cox in 1850, age given in census record as 21.

JOHN F. HENDRICKSON and MALINDA ADAMSON
ISSUE

1. GEORGE HENDRICKSON: (1853-1922); married Louisa J. Baker(1854-1926) Both are buried in Williams Cemetery
2. LOWERY HENDRICKSON: Born _____; d. ______; m. Alice Williams
3. +JUDA HENDRICKSON: Born Oct. 13 1857; d. July 4, 1932; married John Milton Mitchell, son of John Mitchell and Mahala Ann Mathers; he was born Sept. 20, 1852, and died April 17, 1911.
4. REBECCA HENDRICKSON: Born ______; d. ______; m. Eli Etchison

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10.2 REBECCA ADAMSON=COX

Rebecca Adamson was born in Illinois, Nov. 3, 1837, and died in Lawrence County, Feb. 24, 1879 "age 41 yrs 3 mos 21 ds". She and her husband are buried in the little Cox Cemetery near Williams, Ind. She was the daughter of Ivy Adamson and Zibeah Chesnut, and the grand-daughter of Rachel Adamson. She married Burgess Cox, born July 30,1838 son of George Washington Cox and grandson of William and Jane Cox.

=====BURGESS COX and REBECCA ADAMSON: ISSUE=====

1. CHRISTOPHER COX: Born 7-20-1860; d. 9-15-1887; burial, Cox Cemetery Married Clementine Hackler
2. +IDA ALICE COX: Born 7-11-1864; d. 1-24-1936; m. Joseph Alonzo Hall

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COONSKIN POLITICIAN

Uncle Burgess Cox was for many years the village postmaster and storekeeper in Silverville, and quite a local politician. His neighbo got a big wallop out of it when some of the boys worked the old Davy Crockett coonskin racket on him in a redhot political campaign. Credit Jason Adamson, Turlock, Calif., for this one which came from Rachel's great story-telling Great-Grandson John Rainey Adamson.

"It was back in '84, and Burgess was campaigning for Blaine fer-ninst Cleveland. He announced that he would buy all coonskins at a premium of $1.00, or $1.10 per skin as the standard price was a dime -- if the man who brought the pelt would give Blaine his vote. Ira Cobb brought the first skin. Burgess voted him, gave him a buck and a dime and told him to toss the coonskin in the back room. Ira carried the skin back -- and unbolted the back door.

"In a little while another good Blaine voter brought in the same pelt, voted, and walked away with Burgess's dollar-and-a-dime in his pocket. During the day the Postmaster landed 22 Blaine votes, and figgered he had 22 coonskins. When the polls were closed the old storekeeper-postmaster-politician took his nip of apple brandy and went to the storeroom to tally up the take. He could only find one lone coonskin!"

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10.3 LOWERY ADAMSON

Lowery Adamson was born in Illinois in 1842 -- according to the three successive census returns for 1850, 1860 and 1870. But his epitaph gives date of birth as Feb. 20, 1841; death, Aug. 20, 1918. He sleeps beside his wife in Old Union. On February 15, 1863, he married Mary E. Kern, daughter of Alexander J. Kern and wife (Mrs.) Nancy Hurd-Kern. Mary E. Kern was born Nov. 26, 1839; died Feb. 6, 1911.

Lowery Adamson was the son of Ivy Adamson and Sibeah Chesnut. He was a small orphan boy on his return from Illinois after his father's death. He was reared in the home of David and Rachel Sears. When he was 21, Old Dave gave him a horse, bridle, saddle, new suit of clothes and 21 bright shiney new dollars-- and sent him forth rejoicing!

Lowery had a good personality and -- as Hoosiers used to say -- a very pleasant "gift of gab". He liked the way Elders Taylor and Mathis of Bedford had of preaching the Gospel "as she is writ" -- "where the Scriptures speak, we speak"-- and so he decided to become a Minister. He is one of a large quota of Disciples preachers turned out by the Adamson-Kern-Sears-Williams stock. And Lowery was among the best of them. Lawrence County marriage registers show that Elder Lowery Adamson was a great "marryin' parson".

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LOWERY ADAMSON Married MARY E. KERN

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1.+ LILLIAN E. ADAMSON: Born May 13, 1873; died Nov. 5, 1939; married Dec. 14, 1890, Oretus Kern, son of David Kern and Emily Williams Oretus Kern was born Dec. 12, 1869; died August 12, 1956

2.+ HATTIE J. ADAMSON: Born May 25, 1876; died May 16, 1909; married Luther Rainey, b. 9-3-1867; d. 8-14-1935; burial, Old Union

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THE KERN FAMILIES

There are two families of Kern involved here, and we do not know how -- if at all -- they are related. They are Alexander J. Kern, of North Carolina; and Elder Abram Kern III, Founder of Old Union.

Oretus Kern, who married Lowery's daughter Lillian, is a great grandson of Abram. His parents were David L. Kern and Emily Williams; grandparents: Albert Kern and Elizabeth Hutton; James D. Williams and Cytha Cox; great-grandparents: Abram Kern, Susan Wilson, Isaac Williams, Amelia Gibson, William Cox, Jane Roubottom.

Alexander Kern, Lowery's father-in-law, gave North Carolina as place of nativity, where he was born in 1798. He died Sept. 15, 1856, and is buried with his wife at Old Union. Lisker Adamson stated in 1942 that Alexander's wife was Nancy Hurd, a widow with two children: (1) Nathan Hurd, and (2) Evaline B. Hurd, who married Noah Kern. Nancy Hurd-Kern was born in Kentucky in 1801. The 1860 census return reports her children as follows:

1. Martin A. Kern	age 22	
2. Mary E. Kern	age 20	(Lowery Adamson's wife)
3. Wm. F. Kern	age 18	(m. Susan J. Cox)
4. Lycurgus Kern	age 10	

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FINAL SALUTE

In our dedication we greeted the seven surviving Great-Grandchildren of Rachel Adamson. They may be more than seven.

We did not realize, when we started fitting these records together that there were so many. On January 1st, 1961, there were ten, of whom three have this year answered to the Adamson Rollcall at the Great Reunion in the Skies.

Among the families that we have "lost" for various causes, there may still be living other Adamsons whose parents called Rachel "Grandma". Will you help find them?

As for our "Lucky Seven" -- we hope they will all be back again, hale and hearty, at the 1962 Reunion of Rachel Adamson's Hoosier Clan.

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IN MEMORIAM
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LISKER L. ADAMSON

1-18-1870
1-13-1961
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BURNIE ADAMSON

8-19-1882
3- 9-1961
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IDIS COX=WILKING

12-23-1868
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FAMILY RECORD: LAWRENCE COUNTY PIONEER FAMILIES
Adamson, Cox, Evans, Kern, Sears, Williams, ect.

Send in your records to the Family Historians, in order to help complete the series of family histories

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ADDRESS (If living) .....

Full name of FATHER .....

Full Maiden name of MOTHER .....

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Date of Death : ..... Place of Death: .....

Burial at: .....

MARRIAGE RECORD PLACE: ..... DATE: .....

Who Officiated? .....

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ADDRESS (If Living) .....

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